

Hello everyone!

With the current risk of COVID - 19, we at All Creatures Veterinary Hospital are taking the following measures to decrease the risk to all of us 2 legged mammals:

1. We will be postponing, until after the shelter in place is lifted, well pet exams. With the exception of rabies inoculation, we may postpone other vaccines as well, except for puppies and kittens. We will continue to prescribe and provide all needed medications and diets, after approval from the doctor. Please call ahead of time so we can fill your prescription and collect payment, and then we will bring out the needed prescriptions/diets to your car.

2. We will continue to provide veterinary care for urgent matters for our pets. The list includes, but is not limited to:

Marked increase in water consumption of more than a few days duration

Marked changes in appetite, either more or less, of more than a few days duration

Persistent lameness, difficulty getting up, change in gait or exercise intolerance

Persistent increase in panting, coughing, respiratory rate, or shortness of breath

Vomiting, diarrhea or constipation of more than 24 hours duration

Persistent behavioral changes including depression or lethargy

New skin lumps or bumps

Skin and/or ear irritation or smell

Weight changes, either more or less, of greater than 10%

Bad/worsening breath and/or vision

IF YOU NOTICE THE ABOVE SYMPTOMS, OR ANTHING ELSE THAT IS WORRISOME, PLEASE CALL AHEAD OF TIME SO WE CAN HOPEFULLY BEST DETERMINE WHAT YOUR PET NEEDS, AND SO WE CAN PLAN AHEAD OF TIME! If possible, we will have you, the owner, wait in your car, and someone will come out to you, and bring your pet into the hospital for examination. (Some of our patients will do better if their human parent is present, and we can discuss this ahead of time.) We will then call you after the exam so we can decide together upon the best treatment course for your pet.

If you or a human family member is feeling ill, please cancel your appointment.

Please take good care of yourselves by washing your hands frequently daily for 20 seconds, and practicing social distancing/good hygiene. We will get through this together!

Best wishes, Larry Downes, DVM and staff