



Turquoise Animal Hospital

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*March and April are
EXOTIC PET
AWARENESS Months!*

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*Our most important
asset is not our
equipment, but our
highly trained dedicated
staff. We all treat your
pets as though they
were*

The Dog Trainer Returns!!!

Expert dog trainer CHRIS MOREDOCK is back....

- Chris Moredock from American Canine Training will be back with his puppy/dog training classes on **Saturday afternoons 2 PM** on our front yard
- **He will be back the first Saturday in April.** These hour-long classes are FREE to TAH clients and are for new puppies 3 months or older that are current on vaccines and also adult dogs
- These will emphasize basic training (sit, down, stay, etc) as well as some special advanced training and tips on special problems
- Everyone is welcome, but please **NO AGGRESSIVE DOGS !!**

Don't forget to check our **Website** regularly. We have monthly specials and promotions and we update it regularly. We also welcome any suggestions or additions to the website. It is for you, so let us know how we can improve it. In case you didn't know, it is turquoiseanimalhospital.com

Your pet drinking too much water?

If your dog or cat seems to be drinking too much water it can be from a variety of reasons (any intake over 1 oz per pound of body weight is *definitely* too much). Diabetes from a lack of insulin can be one cause. Also, Cushing's disease (too much cortisol) and kidney disease can be culprits. In addition to actual medical conditions, some pets just like water and drink excessive amounts because they like the taste! Usually blood and urine tests as well as an exam are needed to differentiate.

How to keep a spring in your Bunnies' jump...



Rabbits can live up to 9-10 years of age, but most don't. To keep your rabbit as healthy as possible for years there are few basic husbandry issues on which to focus. Be sure to feed lots of (timothy) hay, green leafy vegetables, occasional fruits and a trace mineral salt lick. Rabbits can also get overgrown teeth and require trimming, acquire ear mites, intestinal parasites or upper respiratory infections. Annual exams are recommended.

Did you Know...

Guinea Pigs are one of the few animals that **need dietary Vitamin C?** Primate and humans are the other 'animals.' Dogs and cats make their own.

King Snakes get their name because they are pretty tough in the snake world. Although they have **NO** venom and can be good pets they **CATCH** and **EAT** **RATTLESNAKES!**

Some **birds** (especially **African Greys**) can have the **brain power of a TWO year old** child. Many feather pick because they are too **BORED** in their enclosure. They actually need games and puzzles to challenge them! Next they will want to go to college.



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We're on the Web!

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Laboratory results in minutes...

If your pet is sick, treatment sometimes depends on rapid diagnosis. At Turquoise Animal Hospital we have the capability with our advanced Abaxis chemistry and Complete Blood Count analyzer to obtain results in less than 20 minutes. They can detect kidney and liver disease, diabetes, infections, electrolyte disturbances, anemia, clotting problems and more. In addition, we can run in-house tests for heartworms, intestinal parasites and skin infections.

Heartworms are in the area...

Heartworms are worms the size of spaghetti live in the heart. They are transmitted pet to pet by the bite of a mosquito. As you can imagine they are extremely debilitating and treatment in dogs involves injections of arsenic. There is no safe treatment for cats. The worst parts of the country are the gulf coast states, all along the east coast and the Midwest. In San Diego we have a lower incidence, but cases are on the rise. Fortunately prevention is easily accomplished by administration of a monthly heartworm pill. We use Interceptor (by Novartis Animal Health) to not only prevent heartworms, but several intestinal parasites, too. Call the hospital for details.

Feline Hyperthyroidism...what is it?

One of the most common ailments I older cats is hyperthyroidism. It is an overproduction of thyroid hormone that results in numerous abnormalities in the body. These include weight loss, diarrhea, rapid heart rate and heart disease, kidney failure, high blood pressure and retinal detachment. Simple blood tests can detect the problem. Treatment can involve tablets, topical gel or a one time treatment that solves the problem permanently. Delayed diagnosis can result in permanent heart disease, kidney disease or hypertension. Our routine Senior Blood/Urine tests should detect the problem.



Doc, I'll be giving the injections from now on...

News to sink your (Canine) teeth into...

Did you know that our four-legged friends suffer from the same oral pain that we do. Dogs are naturally pack animals and we are their pack. If an animal shows weakness they get kicked out of the pack. Hence, they hide the pain. This doesn't mean they have to though. Did you know that all the same dental procedures that we can get are available for your pet as well. Anything from **periodontal surgery** to **root canal** therapy and crown **placement** to **orthodontics** (no night headgear!). Our trained staff has the ability to fully clean, evaluate and investigate your pet's mouth and give you the various options for treatment of any hidden problems.



We Love Referrals!

If you like the care we provide your pets, we would love it if you told your friends about us. At Turquoise Animal Hospital we strive to provide top notch care for your pets and treat them as if they were our own. If your friends have pets that would like the type of care we provide we would welcome them to the 'family' Please be sure they tell us who referred them!

On the other hand, if you ever have a less than enjoyable experience at our Hospital – for any reason – please let us know so we can try to correct the situation. We can't be perfect, but we shoot for excellence.

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