

WELLNESS NEWSLETTER

Don and Karen LaRocca Pet Wellness Center

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Welcome to our Wellness Center!

As this is the first installment of the Wellness Newsletter, we would like to begin by thanking you for choosing our services at North Shore Animal League America. We look forward to a long-lasting relationship of care and growth.

The goal of our newsletter is to provide valuable information so that you can make knowledgeable decisions for your pets' well-being.

Whether you adopted your beloved four-legged friends from us or rescued them elsewhere, your pets will receive the best possible medical care at affordable rates. North Shore Animal League America's Alex Lewyt Veterinary Medical Center is proud to be accredited by the American Animal Hospital Association (AAHA).

"Being accredited by the American Animal Hospital Association (AAHA) validates our commitment to providing the highest level of medical care for all of our patients,"

- Dr. Mark Verdino
Senior Vice President &
Chief of Veterinary Staff
of North Shore Animal League



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Advantages of Annual Exams

As the saying goes, an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. That's just as true when it comes to the well-being of your pet. And there's no better way to help your pets live long and healthy lives than to make sure they receive their annual veterinary exams.

Even if your pet seems perfectly healthy, a yearly check-up is a must. During the exam, our veterinarians might pick up early warning signs of a medical problem that can be completely corrected, or at least slowed in progress. That means a longer and healthier life for your pet—and lower medical bills for you.

“What does it mean to be accredited by the American Animal Hospital Association?”

Established in 1933 by leaders in the veterinary profession, AAHA is the only companion animal exclusive veterinary association. AAHA is best known for its accreditation of companion animal practices. To become accredited, companion animal hospitals undergo regular comprehensive evaluations by AAHA veterinary experts who assess the practice on approximately 900 standards of veterinary care.

Fewer than 15% of animal hospitals in the U.S. hold this distinction.

This achievement means a great deal to us. It demonstrates a high level of commitment to our patients and clients. We will continue our mission of quality care, in a professional environment, at affordable pricing.

The Don & Karen LaRocca Pet Wellness Center

In related news, our brand new Wellness and Rehabilitation facility is now open and we couldn't be more excited! Our state-of-the-art facility enables us to create a healthier population of pets and a more informed community of pet owners.

Some of the many new therapies that will be available to our patients include physical therapy, aquatic therapy, laser therapy, and acupuncture. For more information, please visit the Pet Health Center website at:

www.phcanimalleague.com/services/wellness/



The Power of Prevention

With the days getting longer and the temperature rising we are all looking forward to sunny days outside, especially our four-legged friends. And, as always, with the fair weather come the fair weather *fiends*. Fleas, ticks and mosquitos.

These critters have the potential to cause serious harm to our furry companions and it is important to us that you are aware of all the potential dangers.

Without proper protection, your pets are at risk of flea and tick bites that can infect them with Lyme disease, Anaplasmosis, and Babesiosis. These illnesses can be very serious, and some may even lead to death without proper treatment.

Another life-threatening illness is Heartworm disease. Heartworms are parasites that live in the hearts of dogs. They are spread through mosquito bites and the only way to avoid them is through prevention.

These diseases can cause great discomfort to your pet and are very expensive to treat. It is in your own best interest to “Armor-up” against these potential threats. For more information, please consult with our staff or visit our website.



Why do we vaccinate?

Vaccinations are another form of prevention. Vaccines can protect your dog and cat from contracting a variety of illnesses, some of which can be fatal. Just as a newborn baby needs their vaccines in order to boost their immune system to fight off viruses, so do your pets. Even if they are never exposed to the outdoors, they can still contract illnesses from something you may bring home unknowingly.

What do vaccines do?

Vaccines prevent illness by enabling the immune system to create defenses against disease. A vaccine contains disease antigens that gently stimulate the immune system without infecting the patient. The immune system then creates antibodies to fight off the real disease, should your pet ever be exposed.

What immunizations are recommended?

The core vaccines that we recommend are the DA2PPL and Rabies for your dogs, which prevent serious diseases such as Distemper, Parvovirus, Leptospirosis and Rabies. The core vaccines we recommend for your cats are the FVRCP and Rabies which prevent illnesses like Panleukopenia, Calicivirus and Rabies. Each one of these diseases can be fatal.

Based on your pets home life we may recommend other vaccines such as the Bordetella, which prevents kennel cough, if your dog is very social or the Lyme vaccine if your dog loves to play in the woods or tall grass. Please speak with our staff should you have further questions.

Wellness Center Pricing Guideline

Examinations

Wellness Examination	\$40.00
Pet Health Center Examination	\$60.00
Recheck Examination	\$30.00
Technician Visit	\$18.00

Vaccinations/Boosters

Most Vaccines and Boosters are \$25.00

Canine Rabies (1 or 3 year) Vaccine
Distemper Vaccine with/without Lepto Vaccine
Bordetella (Kennel Cough) Vaccine
Lyme Vaccine
Feline FVRCP Vaccine

Lab Work/Tests

Pre-surgical CBC/Vet screen	\$49.00
Heartworm Test	\$30.00
4DX	\$40.00
FELV/FIV Test	\$45.00
Fecal Test	\$27 - 43.00

Puppy & Kitten Spay/Neuter Bundles

Included in the bundle is the surgical procedure, anesthesia, pain medications (canine) & E-collar

Canine Spay Bundle	\$140 - 200.00
Canine Neuter Bundle	\$120 - 177.00
Canine bundle prices vary based on weight	
Feline Spay Bundle	\$110.00
Feline Neuter Bundle	\$75.00

Preventative Price List

Frontline: Packages include 3 doses for 3 months.

<u>Weight Range</u>	<u>Price</u>
Under 22 pounds	\$45.00
23 - 44 pounds	\$48.00
45 - 88 pounds	\$50.00
89 - 132 pounds	\$53.00

Heartgard Plus: Packages include 6 doses for 6 months.

<u>Weight Range</u>	<u>Price</u>
Under 25 pounds	\$37.00
26 - 50 pounds	\$49.00
51 - 100 pounds	\$55.00

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****These bundles are pricing models based on uncomplicated health conditions and do not apply to all cases.****