

# Springtime Pet Care Essential Tips for a Happy, Active Pet



# Spring Check-Ups

Spring is the perfect time to schedule a wellness exam for your pet. We'll ensure they're healthy, up to date on vaccinations, and protected with Simparica Trio® or Revolution Plus®.

## Keep Those Nails

**Trimmed:** Overgrown nails can lead to painful posture issues and even affect how your pet walks. Regular trims help keep them comfortable and prevent snagging or injury. Not sure how to trim? Ask us for a demo at your next visit!



## Parasite Prevention in Nova Scotia, Why It's Essential

Our region's humid spring and summer create the perfect environment for parasites like fleas and ticks. Protect your pets year-round with trusted preventatives like Simparica Trio® for dogs and Revolution Plus® for cats.

**Fleas & Ticks** – Ticks can transmit Lyme disease and anaplasmosis to both pets and humans. Simparica Trio® for dogs and Revolution Plus® for cats provide broad-spectrum protection.

**Heartworms** – Heartworm disease is serious and on the rise in Canada. Simparica Trio® prevents heartworms in dogs, while Revolution Plus® protects cats. Stay informed with the latest from the Heartworm Society and protect your pet

with annual blood testing. We recommend: Testing once per year.

## Intestinal Parasites –

Roundworms and hookworms lurk in soil and water. Simparica Trio® and Revolution Plus® help shield pets from these hidden threats.

**Lyme Disease Prevention** – Keep pets safe with a combination of vaccination and year-round parasite prevention. If your pet has been bitten by a tick, blood testing is recommended 6-8 weeks after removal.

**Stock up on Simparica Trio® or Revolution Plus® by purchasing a box of 6, and receive a free gift, courtesy of Zoetis! (While supplies last.)**

Ask us how to protect your pet this season and learn more from the Companion Animal Parasite Council (CAPC).

## Spring Hazards

**Lawn & Garden Chemicals:** As people prepare their yards, pets may be exposed to fertilizers, herbicides, and pesticides. Always store these products safely and choose pet-friendly alternatives.

**Wildlife & Insects:** Foxes, raccoons, and porcupines are more active in spring, increasing the likelihood of pet encounters. Pets may also be exposed to ticks, wasps, and even skunks. Keep them supervised and check for ticks after outdoor adventures.



## Spring Blooms & Pet Safety: Keep Your Garden Pet-Friendly!

Spring flowers brighten up our homes and gardens, but some can be dangerous for pets—especially cats! Lilies, daffodils, tulips, hyacinths, azaleas, and rhododendrons are all toxic. Many pet owners don't realize that every part of a lily is deadly to cats—including the pollen. Even a small amount falling onto their fur can lead to fatal kidney failure when they groom. Keeping lilies out of reach isn't enough—when in doubt, leave lilies out!

If you're gardening this season, choose pet-safe plants to keep your furry friends safe. And if you suspect your pet has ingested a toxic plant, seek emergency veterinary care immediately and call the pet poison control hotline at **1-800-213-6680** for expert guidance.

## Check Those Window Screens!

With the arrival of warmer weather, many of us enjoy opening our windows to let in a fresh breeze. However, open windows can pose a hidden danger to pets, especially cats. Many pet owners are unaware of the risks associated with "high-rise syndrome," a condition where cats fall from open windows or balconies. While cats are known for their agility, they don't always land safely. Falls from even a low height can result in broken bones, head trauma, internal injuries, or sprains. Small dogs can also be at risk if they jump up on an unstable screen or lean against an open window.

## Spring Outdoor Safety Tips

**Leash Up on Trails:** Whether hiking in the park or visiting the beach, always leash pets to prevent wildlife encounters and from becoming lost in unfamiliar areas.

### **Watch for Cold Water**

**Dangers:** Even as air temperatures rise, lakes and rivers remain dangerously cold. Don't let dogs jump in too soon.

**Keep Pets Hydrated:** Warmer days mean pets can overheat quickly. Always bring fresh water and avoid hot pavement during peak sun hours.

**Choose Safe Toys:** Spring is a great time for new toys, but watch out for small parts that could be swallowed! Opt for sturdy, pet-safe toys to keep playtime fun and safe.

Need recommendations? We're happy to help! Have questions about your pet's care? Give us a call!





## Protect Your Pet from Hidden Parasites!

Internal parasites can hide in your pet without obvious symptoms, making regular fecal testing essential. A fecal test is a simple screening of your pet's poop that helps detect parasites like roundworms, hookworms, and more. Puppies and kittens are especially vulnerable, as parasites can affect their growth and overall health. However, adult pets also need routine fecal exams to catch hidden infections that could impact their well-being—and even pose risks to their human families.

While regular deworming is important, did you know it doesn't cover everything? Some parasites, like Giardia and Coccidia, require special treatment, making fecal testing a must! A quick poop test helps us detect and treat these hidden threats early.

Ask us about scheduling a fecal exam at your pet's next visit to keep them happy, healthy, and parasite-free!

## Why Yearly Wellness Blood Work Matters: The Power of Preventative Panels



Your pet may look healthy, but what's happening inside? Pets can't tell us when something is wrong, and many illnesses develop silently. That's why routine bloodwork is a powerful tool for detecting early signs of many diseases such as kidney disease, diabetes, and thyroid disorders—before symptoms appear.

**Early Detection = Longer, Healthier Life** – Catching issues early allows for timely intervention and better outcomes.

**Data That Makes a Difference** – Annual wellness panels create a health baseline, helping us track changes over time.

**Your Pet Can't Tell You How They Feel** – Pets instinctively hide illness, but preventive bloodwork reveals what's beneath the surface.

**One Simple Test = Peace of Mind** – A quick and easy screening provides valuable insights into your pet's health and helps ensure they stay happy and active.

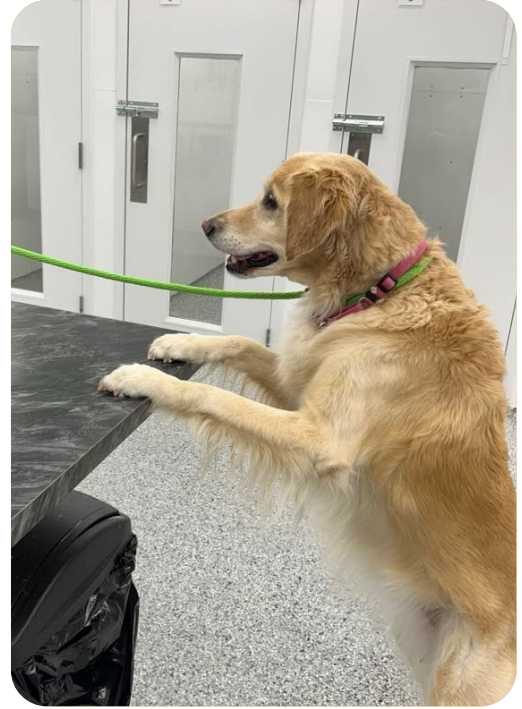
Be proactive—give your pet the best care! Call today to book their preventive screening.

# Meet Sasha

Meet Sasha, the nail trim queen! Everytime Sasha comes to see us she just flops on her side, completely relaxed, and lets us trim every single nail without a fuss. And the best part?

When she's done, she proudly places her front paws up on the treatment table, eagerly awaiting her well-deserved treats for being such a good girl.

This girl is truly something special, and she brings a smile to all of our faces every time she comes to see us for her pawdicure.



Thank You from Our Family to Yours!

