



  **Leptospirosis**  

Zoonotic Diseases:

Zoonotic diseases are diseases that can be transmitted from animal to human.

Leptospirosis:

Leptospirosis is one of these diseases. It can affect many animals including dogs and humans. Leptospirosis is a disease that is caused by Leptospira bacteria. The bacteria can live for long periods of time in water. It can also be spread by infected urine and direct contact with an infected animal.

How do dogs get Leptospirosis and what symptoms should I look for?:

Dogs that drink from standing water, swim in lakes or ponds and that have the ability to roam properties with the potential of coming into contact with livestock or wild animals, are a greater risk of contracting Leptospirosis. Fever, vomiting diarrhea, muscle tenderness, being reluctant to move and lethargy are all signs of Leptospirosis in dogs. Leptospirosis can be deadly and is very serious, but the good news is, there is a vaccine and treatment available should your pet contract the disease.

Prevention:

The easiest way to protect your dog from Leptospirosis is by vaccination. The Leptospirosis vaccine is part of the core annual vaccines that our veterinarians recommend.

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Time for A Change

I carefully surveyed the creature that had been plunked onto my exam table. I looked for any telltale sign to distinguish what exactly I was seeing. Slowly my brain told me that I must be looking at a small dog, but not because I saw ears or a tail or a mouth. My clue was the one soft and gentle brown eye I glimpsed assessing me as I took in all that was him.

As I began my examination, I started to make head and tail of this little dog. This small Lhaso Apso turned out to be one big hair mat. Not one inch along his body had straight, even hair. In fact, even the bottom of his feet were matted so badly that I couldn't find his foot pads. He was walking on tangled hair. This disheveled dog was owned by an equally grizzled old man.

Pooper, as the man called the dog, had a mass growing from his hind end ironically. In order to fully appraise the issue, I had to trim his tail hair away from his back legs. The mass had grown to golf ball size before it was noticed, but now the old man was hoping to get it removed if possible. As I talked through my plan for Pooper I received only a few grunts and head nods, but in the end I was given the go-ahead.

We started working on Pooper immediately. As my nurse began shaving the back end, I opened Pooper's mouth to pull the few remaining rotting teeth in the pitiful dog's mouth. I lifted his upper lip to find a lone maggot wiggling between his incisors. My body shuddered as I flicked the mini pest down the drain.

"Lil' buddy, we are going to make you feel 100% better!" I exclaimed.

I carefully moved through Pooper's mouth removing the infected teeth. Next I focused on the mass and soon had him free of it. After my part was done, my nurse spent time shaving Pooper and separating him from his coat of mats. His feet were shaved and nails trimmed. As Pooper's hair mats peeled away and legs, ears, eyes, and tail made their appearance, an attractive dog was unveiled. A thorough bath soon made this dirty little dog gleam.

Instantly Pooper's physical transformation was mimicked by his attitude. His now free ears sat taller on his head while a smile graced his face and his tongue lolled happily out of the side of his mouth. His tail expressed his gratitude as it was held high and remained in constant movement, wagging his praise. Pooper's fully revealed set of eyes sparked with goodwill and exuberance. No sign remained of the downcast and depressed dog I had initially met. Pooper had been revolutionized.

When it was time to return Pooper to his owner, I nearly skipped up the hallway to my waiting room. I was so excited to see the reaction of the owner to his "new" dog. I reached the waiting room and looked around, mildly confused by the lack of his owner's presence. A man slowly rose from his seated spot in the corner of the room and my eyes widened in surprise. The once dirty, grizzled man walked toward me with a large smile on his clean-shaven and newly groomed face! His hair was cut and combed and he was sporting freshly laundered clothes. He shook my hand and knelt down to tenderly pat Pooper on his fuzzy head. His grin widened as he bent lower and whispered in his dog's ear.

"It was about time to move on for us, eh boy?"

Pooper's quick tongue caught the man's chin as he rose to stand. The man gave me a nod as a thank you and took the offered leash. With a turn, the "new" man and his cheerful dog walked out of my clinic silently. I stood in the waiting room for a few minutes longer still shocked by the turn around of both owner and dog and contemplated what the man might have meant by his whispered words. Whatever it might have been, I had the sense that both of them were on a new path together.

Pet Fire Safety



July 15th is Pet Fire Safety Day. It is important to have a plan in place for you and your family in the event of a fire. This plan should include pets in your household. The hope is that you will never have to utilize your fire plans, but being prepared can save lives and property. It is important to remember that as pet owners, it is our responsibility to advocate for our pets safety. An easy way to start your fire plan is to make a sign off sheet or phone reminder to check the function of the smoke detectors monthly. One way you can include your pets in your fire plan would be to post a list of the pets in the household with their names, breeds, and any precautions that need to be taken with them, on a front or back entrance of your home. This will help first responders know to look for your pets when they enter the house. Creating an emergency kit for your pets is another way to be prepared for a fire. Your pets emergency kit should include a copy of their medical records and ID. Other



We want to congratulate our very own Jeffrey Brubaker, DVM, part owner of Stayton Veterinary Hospital, on receiving Stayton's Best Veterinarian award for 2019!

Stayton Veterinary Hospital was also awarded Stayton's Best Veterinary Practice of 2019! Thank you for all of your continued support.



Thank You!

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August 8, 2020
11am-4pm
Parking lot of Stayton
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