

Friendly Newsletter

Companion Pet Care- October 2019



Come see us at the longest-established Veterinary Practice in Encinitas!



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Dog Park Report

On-Leash:

- Dogs on a 6-foot leash are welcome at parks and trails in Encinitas. The city asks to mind marked sensitive habitat areas and to keep your dogs out of those areas.

Off-leash (Note- always keep your dog on a leash to and from the dog park):

- Maggie Houlihan Memorial Dog Park at Encinitas Community Park (425 Santa Fe Drive, Encinitas). There is an area for smaller, more timid dogs, and a large grassy area available to all dogs. Open 7 days a week, 8a- sunset.
- Encinitas Viewpoint Park (Cornish Drive & D Street). Open mornings M, W, F, Sun 6a to 9a and afternoons M, W, F, Sun 3p to 8p.
- Sun Vista Park (east) (2011 Avenida La Posta). Open mornings M, W, F, Sun 6a to 9a and afternoons M, W, F, Sun 3p to 8p.
- Orpheus Park (482 Orpheus Drive). Open mornings M, W, F 6a – 7:30a, Sun 6a – 9a and afternoons M, W, F, Sun 3p – 8p
- Trail Segment 72 Mountain Vista (1679 Mountain Vista Dr). Located on City property under the power lines between Encinitas Blvd and Mountain Vista Dr. Open 7 days a week, 6a- 9p.

Emerging Issue Update: Algal Blooms

The warmer climate temperatures we have been experiencing come with a host of changes. One of these emerging concerns is the blue-green algal blooms, also a result of agricultural pollution in some states. It has become a national, not just regional, concern according to the EPA. Warmer temperatures and waste run off containing phosphorous promote healthy bloom populations. Ponds, streams and lakes are common sources for algal contamination. These algae release toxins which can sicken and kill humans and animals.

Dog deaths in North Carolina and Michigan in the same month recently made national headlines. Bacteria are being noted to release more concentrated toxins from the “scum” and are also lasting longer into the year and are popping up in new locations. The goals of reducing the toxins include improving farm water and reducing nutrient discharges into water sources.

“In 2018, the California State Water Resources Control Board received 190 bloom reports, and the California Department of Public Health reported 19 cases—involving eight people, four dogs, and seven fish—of suspected, probable, or confirmed incidents of sickness linked to harmful algal blooms to the Centers for Disease Control.”

<https://news.bloombergenvironment.com/environment-and-energy/dog-deaths-raise-algal-bloom-alarm-as-states-report-more-toxins>

Most red tides in California occur between Santa Barbara and San Diego. Between early spring (February, March) and late summer (August, September, October). Be cautious when your pet is out around the red tide, especially if you see dead fish as that can be an indicator of higher toxin levels.





Halloween Costume Contest!

No appointment necessary.

Stop by with your pet in costume on Halloween and win a prize in our costume contest! We will be giving out door prizes and best costume prizes for:

Most elaborate
Cutest
and Funniest!

We look forward to seeing you and your pets!



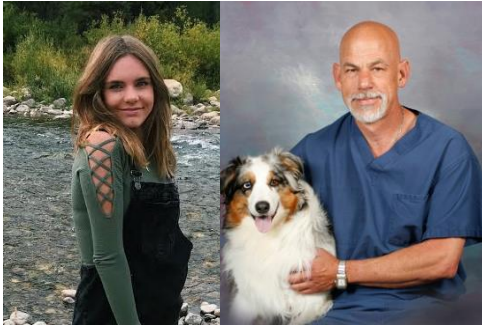
Staff Corner

Glenn Barnes

Please join us in welcoming our new hospital manager! Glenn has decades of experience in the veterinary field with accolades including Registered Veterinary Technician (RVT) and Certified Veterinary Practice Manager (CVPM) certifications. He has an uncanny ability to calm anxious animals with his relaxed demeanor.

Shaley O'Hanlon

After doing RVT externship program at Companion Pet Care, Shaley was a welcome addition to continue working at Companion Pet Care. She takes her RVT test in November and we wish her the best luck to pass with flying colors.



Patient of the Month!

"Arnold" Rossi had a distended belly and was starting to feel lethargic at home, he was not his normal, animated self. After doing bloodwork and radiographs (X-rays) we determined that he had a mass on his spleen. He also had a new heart murmur, so we did an echocardiogram (where a specialist uses ultrasound to examine the detailed function of the heart) and he was determined to be a good candidate for anesthesia. An abdominal exploratory surgery was performed, and Dr. Burghardt was able to safely remove the mass along with the spleen on which it was growing. The biopsy results came back and... the cancer was benign!!! He has made a full recovery, has an excellent prognosis, and is back to his normal happy self. We are so happy for you and your amazing family, Arnold!



Clinic Painting

Thank you for your patience as our parking lot was filled with trucks during the painting of the outside of the clinic! We hope it was not too much of a hassle. Onward and upward!

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