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NEW YEAR

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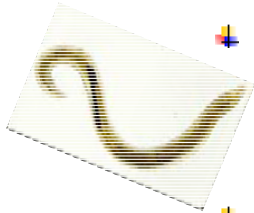
Happy New Year!

Did you or someone you know get one of **these** this Christmas?



If so, then to help you through your first year together, we have set out some information below to help you with what you should expect in terms of basic care for your new kitten or puppy.

- ✚ HEALTHY DIET: Your new puppy or kitten's healthy growth and development begins with the correct nutrition.
- ✚ DEWORMING & STOOL SAMPLE: Puppies & kittens commonly have internal parasites & need to be dewormed at regular intervals with safe and appropriate medication from your vet - **especially if they are around children**. It is also wise to have a stool sample checked microscopically for worm eggs. Not seeing worms in the stool does not necessarily mean your pet does not have them.
- ✚ VACCINATIONS: Ideally puppies & kittens should get their first shots at around 8 weeks of age, followed by boosters at about 12 and 16 weeks. Even cats & dogs that never go outside are required by Ontario law to be vaccinated against rabies. Some extra vaccinations may be recommended for your pet depending on their lifestyle - please ask at the clinic for more information.
- ✚ HEALTH EXAMINATION: The doctor will thoroughly examine your pet & discuss any concerns/questions you might have, as well as giving you information and recommendations for your pet's health. A full examination is always given prior to giving vaccines as well as at any time your pet might be unwell.
- ✚ SPAY/NEUTER: Recommended for all dogs and cats from 6 months of age and can provide health benefits later in life as well as preventing unwanted litters/behaviours (see November 2013 newsletter.) If you choose to microchip your pet (see June 2013 newsletter), now is a good time, while he or she is fast asleep for surgery ☺



STAFF PIX

Hello, my name is Erin. I am the newest member of the Otonabee Team! I have been working as a Veterinary Receptionist for about three and a half years, and have been here at Otonabee Animal Hospital for about three months now. I have three pets of my own; Portia - a Miniature Australian Shepherd, Squirt - a Shih Tzu and Chewie the cat. I look forward to meeting all of you and your furry friends! ☺