

## Services offered by the Pet Health Center of Tiffin

### New puppy and kitten care



Adding a new furry family member is very exciting! Beginning your pet's preventative health care plan is vital to their health and wellbeing. Puppies and kittens need a series of vaccines that occur over several weeks. At each visit we will provide a full examination and discuss important issues including training/behavior, prevention of heartworms, fleas, ticks and intestinal parasites. We will also provide a recommendation for a balanced diet and let you know when it is time to spay or neuter your pet. Microchip identification provides "tags that pets can't lose" and should be performed in all puppies and kittens.

### Adult dog and cat care



Yearly examinations are just as important for adult dogs and cats to ensure that they are healthy and protected from infectious diseases and parasites, especially heartworms, fleas and ticks. Vaccinations are not "one size fits all" so our veterinarians will discuss your pet's infectious disease risk and tailor a preventative health care program specifically for your pet.

### Senior pet care



Everyone knows that our pets age faster than people. We can keep them healthy and active longer with a little extra monitoring and care. Exams and bloodwork should be performed every 6-12 months to monitor for health issues that are more common in our older friends. Nearly every animal over the age of 5-7 will develop arthritis. We can ensure that any discomfort is managed with anti-inflammatory and pain medications as well as make recommendations for nutraceutical therapies. We understand that some pets don't always enjoy a trip to the veterinarian. If your pet gets overly stressed/anxious, please let us know. We can recommend both behavioral strategies and medications to make the visit easier for everyone!

## Laboratory Services



Our diagnostic laboratory offers serum chemistry and electrolytes, complete blood count (CBC), heartworm/Lyme/Anaplasma/Ehrlichia testing, Feline Leukemia virus and Feline Immunodeficiency virus testing, Parvo virus testing, urinalysis, fecal flotation and cytologic exam of blood and other tissues. Occasionally our veterinarians may recommend more specialized testing. We have a number of diagnostic laboratories we submit samples to so we can provide the best care for your pet. In many cases we get these test results in just 1-2 days.

## Surgery



The veterinarians at Pet Health Center of Tiffin offer many surgical services beyond routine spay and neuter. We can perform many types of orthopedic surgeries including repair of torn knee ligaments (ACL repair). Additionally, we perform mass removals, abdominal exploratory surgeries for removal of foreign bodies, tissue biopsy collection and bladder stone removal. Each pet has a complete exam performed and an individualized sedation and anesthetic plan maximizing the safety of the procedure. During anesthesia your pet is monitored constantly by one of our veterinary technicians. Following surgery your pet will recover in our treatment area so they can be closely monitored.

## Radiology



Radiographs, or x-rays, allow us to gain information about what is going on inside your pet. Radiographs can be used to diagnose orthopedic injuries, like bone fractures, and to assess the soft tissues in the chest and abdomen. At Pet Health Center of Tiffin we have a digital x-ray system which allows us to view the images the moment they are taken. Most pets tolerate laying still for radiographs without issue.

## Dental Care



Taking care of our pet's teeth is just as important as taking care of our teeth! We have a wide range of foods and treats which help to keep your pet's smile sparkling and their breath fresh. Nearly every dog and cat will need a dental cleaning as they get older and many pets need them yearly. Dental cleanings are important for the health of the teeth. Did you know February is National Pet Dental Health month? But we don't need to wait until then to get your pet's teeth taken care of!

## Diet and Nutrition



Just like in people, our pets need to eat a high quality diet daily that meets their individual nutritional needs and maintains their ideal weight. The veterinarians at Pet Health Center of Tiffin will discuss your pet's current diet and make a recommendation at each exam. Many commercial pet foods are full of fillers, preservative and low quality ingredients. Let us tell you what diet is the best for your pet! We provide a full line of prescription dry and canned foods to aid in the treatment and management of all medical conditions. These includes diet specialized for weight loss, chronic gastrointestinal disorders, diabetes, urinary issues and arthritis.

## Behavior



Does your cat pee outside the litterbox? Does your dog have separation anxiety? These are common behaviors that the veterinarians at Pet Health Center of Tiffin can provide assistance with. There are a wide range of training therapies that we recommend and, if needed, certain medications that can be prescribed. Did you know that when we are treating behavioral issues it is just important that the owners change the way they do things as it is for the pet? Let us help improve the relationship between you and your pet.

## Pain Management



The veterinarians and support staff at the Pet Health Center of Tiffin are dedicated to providing top tier pain management for each and every pet. While everyone knows that fractures and other orthopedic injuries require pain medications but other conditions, such as urinary issues, arthritis and all types of cancer also require pain relief. Did you know that there are a variety of pain medications that work in different ways? Our philosophy is to use a “multi-modal” treatment strategy to ensure that your pet’s discomfort is managed as much as possible.

## Dermatology



The most common reason pets come to the veterinarian, beside routine vaccination, is for issues with their skin, ears and anal glands. Having itchy pets is both bothersome for the animal AND for the owner. We provide a full range of diagnostic testing and treatments to help manage this issues. To save time please fill out the **DERMATOLOGY HISTORY** questionnaire prior to you visit. This will allow the veterinarian time to review this information before your appointment. We carry a full line of shampoos, conditioners, medicated wipes and ear cleaners to help keep your pet’s hair coat in tip-top shape! Many dermatologic conditions will require weekly bathing. This is a service we offer to our clients at Pet Health Center of Tiffin.

## Emergency Services



Emergencies can happen day or night. During our normal business hours, we are equipped to handle almost any emergency illness or injury that should occur. This includes vehicular trauma, dog bites, urinary obstructions and toxin ingestion. In the event that your pet needs more specialized care or after hours care we can facilitate referral to a local 24 hour facility.



## Referral Services



Sometimes there are illnesses and injuries that necessitate the expertise of a veterinarian that specializes in surgery, dermatology, internal medicine or cardiology. We can help facilitate referral to a veterinary specialty center so that your pet gets the diagnostics and treatment needed. In many cases the veterinarians at Pet Health Center of Tiffin will work closely with the specialists following the appointment so continued care can be provided by the entire team of doctors. Many complex diseases can be managed at the Pet Health Center of Tiffin following diagnosis or initial treatment with a veterinary specialist.

## Drop Offs



We understand that owners want to provide the best care for their pet but work and family commitments can make this very difficult! At Pet Health Center of Tiffin we provide convenient drop off services for both routine examinations and vaccinations but also for those times when your pet has other issues going on. Just call and let us know you are planning to drop off and then fill out the **DROP OFF INFORMATION SHEET** on our website. This form can also be filled out in the clinic or after the pet has been dropped off and you arrive at work or back at home. Our veterinarians will connect with owners over the phone or email to discuss exam findings and to make further diagnostic and treatment plans. This allows us to provide top quality care for our patients without a wait for our busy clients.

## Hospice, Euthanasia and Cremation Services



Taking care of an elderly or terminally ill pet is a very stressful time. The veterinarians and staff of Pet Health Center of Tiffin are dedicated to offering guidance for maintaining your pet's quality of life for as long as possible. Our philosophy is that the quality of the days is more important than the quantity of days. This includes ensuring adequate nutrition, mobility and pain management. We are here to counsel you each day and help in the decision making process. When it is time to let our friend go with peace and dignity, we offer a dedicated exam room to make the euthanasia process easier on both the pet and the family. If the comfort of your home is what's best for your family, we also offer home euthanasia services. Additionally, we offer group and private cremation services. Many people do not know, there is a 24 hour GriefCare line. It can be reached at 319-362-5929 or 1-800-362-5929 to help you through this very difficult decision and time.