

Pets with Dr. Jyl

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Wednesday Dr. Jyl talked with Dewey about camping with your dog. We're sure many of you are planning outdoor trips with your pets. Here is some great information Dr. Jyl wanted to pass on to you to help protect your dogs while outdoors.

Lyme vaccination is worthwhile if you're traveling in the Northern California, Oregon, or Washington coastal areas, the northeastern states, or Minnesota and Wisconsin. This is expected to be a very bad "tick year" and you should consider using Frontline since it kills ticks as well as fleas, and is waterproof.

When you apply FRONTLINE to your pet, the active ingredient Fipronil is stored in the natural oils of his/her skin and coat. This provides your pet with protection against fleas and ticks for a month -- even after a whole lot of baths and shampoos (or as many as your pet will sit still for!). In fact, your pet can romp in the rain, splash in the surf and get soaked to his/her happy heart's content without losing any protection against fleas and ticks.

Heartworm medication, after a simple test for dogs older than 6 months, is recommended if you're going along the Pacific Coast north of Monterey; the Sierras, Texas, the Midwest, or the Eastern Coastal states. Monthly medication is also worthwhile if you live in the San Marcos Pass area in California or other areas where heartworms are a common problem.



Bill Kelly and his girlfriend take Cirrus camping all of the time.

Giardia vaccination should be given if you'll be hiking in the local mountains, or in areas that are swampy or are associated with stagnant water or creek beds (In the Santa Barbara area this includes East Beach, the UCSB slough, and Lake Los Carneros).

If you'll be hiking in the Sierras or the local mountains, Airport Animal Hospital can make up a "rattlesnake kit" in case of an emergency.



This is Cirrus and she is Bill Kelly's dog.