



# Hillcrest Animal Clinic Spring Newsletter



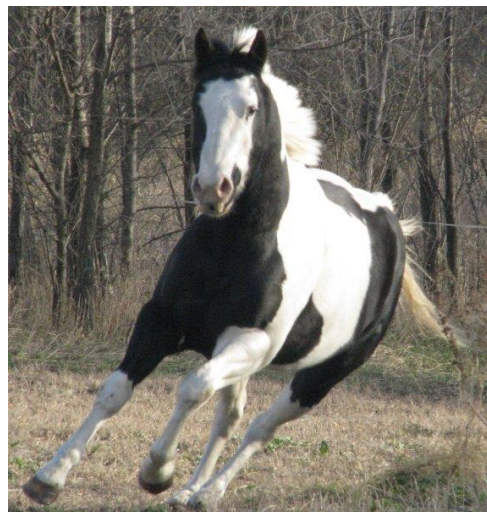
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## Discounted farm call days are back!

It is discount time again! Drs. Whitney and Dana will be available to give spring vaccines, check teeth, perform dental floats, clean sheaths, get fecal samples, and complete coggins blood draws on our \$12 farm call days. Unfortunately, Dr Pat will not be available due to an arm injury. Give us a call to schedule your vaccinations, dentals, wellness exams, or sheath cleanings on one of our special days.

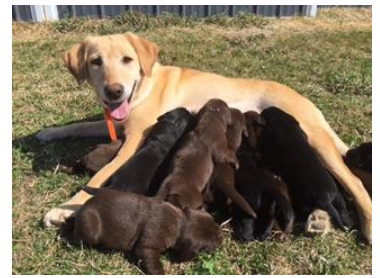


Zone 1 dates	Zone 2 dates	Zone 3 dates
Waverly, Greenwood, Ceresco, Davey, Raymond, Wahoo, and Ashland area	Eagle, Walton, Palmyra, Bennet, and Hickman area	Pioneers Park, Emerald, Malcolm, and Denton area
<del>Tuesday, April 5 (Morning) Dr. Dana</del>	<del>Tuesday, March 22 (Afternoon) Dr. Dana</del>	<del>Wednesday, March 30 (Afternoon) Dr. Whitney</del>
Friday, April 15 (Afternoon) Dr. Whitney	Wednesday, April 6 (All Day) Dr. Whitney	Tuesday, April 12 (All Day) Dr. Dana
Thursday, April 28 (All Day) Dr. Dana	Monday, April 18 (Afternoon) Dr. Dana	Friday, April 22 (Afternoon) Dr. Whitney
Wednesday, April 13 (Morning) Dr. Whitney	Wednesday, April 27 (Morning) Dr. Whitney	Tuesday, May 3 (Afternoon) Dr. Dana
Monday, May 16 (Afternoon) Dr. Dana	Friday, May 6 (All Day) Dr. Whitney	Friday, May 12 (Afternoon) Dr. Dana
Tuesday, May 24 (Morning) Dr. Dana	Tuesday, May 17 (Afternoon) Dr. Whitney	Friday, May 20 (All Day) Dr. Whitney



# Puppies!

## Assisted canine reproduction methods



We all know the basic “birds and bees” of how puppies are made, but at Hillcrest, we offer many artificial insemination options for those of you thinking about breeding your canine companion.

There are many reasons to choose artificial insemination when making the decision to breed your dog, including (but not limited to):

- Use of cooled-shipped semen, or frozen semen
- An inexperienced or shy stud dog
- An overly aggressive or dominant female
- Protection from possible disease or physical injury
- Size incompatibility of the male and female
- Opportunity to evaluate the semen before insemination

Hillcrest offers three methods of artificial insemination. There are many factors that influence the decision of choosing a breeding method, and with the assistance of progesterone testing, the doctors are able to decide the optimal time to breed. Our helpful staff can answer questions you have regarding each breeding method and timing procedures. Hillcrest is also proud to offer reproductive services by our board certified reproductive specialist, Dr. Kelly Stich.



**Vaginal insemination:** One of the most commonly used methods of artificial insemination, this breeding manner utilizes cooled shipped semen, or fresh collected semen. The doctor deposits the semen directly into the vaginal canal and the female's hind end is then elevated at a 45 degree angle for 20 minutes. It requires no sedation or anesthesia and is a great breeding method for most dogs with minimal fertility problems.

**Trans-cervical insemination (TCI):** This non-surgical breeding method allows the doctor to deposit the semen directly into the body of the uterus. This is achieved by utilizing a rigid endoscope hooked to a TV monitor and a catheter that can be passed through the female's cervix. Frozen, cooled-shipped, or fresh semen can be used with TCI breedings. The TCI breeding method does require the female to stand quietly for the procedure, but it does not require any sedation or anesthesia.





**Surgical insemination:** As the name indicates, this type of insemination is a surgical procedure and requires general anesthesia. The doctor deposits the semen directly into each horn of the uterus. Surgical inseminations allow the doctor to visually examine the uterus. As with TCIs, fresh, frozen, or cooled semen can be used for this breeding method.

## Canine parasite prevention just got easier!!

No one likes to talk about fleas, ticks, and heartworms, but it is an unfortunate (and icky!) part of canine ownership. Hillcrest offers a variety of treatment options to fit your needs:

- If you aren't the best at remembering to give your pet his or her medication monthly, you should consider ProHeart6 and Bravecto!



**ProHeart 6** offers continuous heartworm protection for your pet. Your pet is safe from heartworm disease for 6 months after just one dose administered at your vet's office. There are no monthly doses to remember! ProHeart 6 is FDA approved and has also been proven safe for pregnant and lactating females, breeding males, and ivermectin-sensitive collies.

**Bravecto** is a chew administered every 12 weeks, providing flea and tick control. It maintains 100% efficacy against fleas and three tick species for up to 12 weeks!

**These two products** help make protecting your pet from heartworms, fleas, and ticks even easier by reducing the frequency of administration.



- For those of you who are more comfortable with giving a monthly oral or topical medication for your pet's parasite prevention, we offer Interceptor and Parastar.



**Interceptor Flavor Tabs** are a palatable once-a-month tablet that prevents heartworm disease, controls adult hookworms, and removes and controls adult roundworms and whipworm infections in dogs.

**Parastar Plus** is a topical flea, tick, mite and lice treatment developed for dogs. The waterproof solution contains two active ingredients that begin to kill adult fleas, disease-spreading ticks, and chewing lice within 1 hour of application. It also controls mites that may cause sarcoptic mange. The solution continues to prevent infestations for one full month. The easy to use applicator is applied to a single spot to provide flea and tick protection. Gentle enough for use on puppies twelve weeks of age or older.