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#### Welcome to the Spring Newsletter from Garrison Animal Hospital 🧩

As flowers bloom and pollen dances in the air, we know that allergies can be a real buzzkill for both humans and our furry companions. But fear not! In this edition, we're armed with tips and tricks to help you and your pets breeze through allergy season like champions. From identifying common symptoms to practical advice on managing them, consider us your allergy-fighting allies! And as the sun shines brighter and the days grow longer, it's the perfect time to talk about one of the most crucial aspects of pet care: heartworm prevention. Just like us, our furry companions deserve to enjoy the springtime breeze without worry, and protecting them from heartworm disease is paramount to their well-being. Keep on reading to learn more about spring time allergies, heartworm and prevention, as well as what toxic plants to avoid adding to your garden. And more!

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### Toxic Spring Plants

Beware the Blooms: Keeping Pets Safe from Toxic Plants

As we revel in the beauty of spring blossoms, it's crucial to be mindful of the potential hazards lurking within our gardens and homes. While those vibrant flowers may be a feast for the eyes, some can pose serious risks to our curious pets.

If you think your pet has ingested a poisonous plant Take immediate action, even if your pet is experiencing mild symptoms of vomiting or diarrhea. Depending on the amount ingested, poisonous plants can cause serious conditions like kidney failure, neurologic disease, and even death.

## ASPCA Poison Control (888) 426-4435



And more...



# National Heartworm Awareness Month

April is National Heartworm Awareness Month.

Heartworm is a very serious and painful disease. Over a million pets in the United States alone have Heartworm Disease.. this number is staggering as it is so easily preventable.

Heartworms are parasitic worms that are carried and transmitted by infected mosquitoes.



When infected by the worm, the functioning of blood vessels in the heart is impaired, which reduces lung capacity and leads to death

Upon infection, it can live up to five to seven years inside a dog and up to two to three years inside a cat.



Signs of heartworm disease in dogs include persistent cough, fatigue, decreased appetite, and weight loss. Signs of heartworm in cats include coughing, asthma, vomiting, decreased appetite, and weight loss.

Heartworm is not contagious, and can only be contracted by a bite from an infected mosquito.

### Preventing Heartworm is easy...



There are many options when it comes to protecting your furry friend from fleas AND heartworm. We are now carrying Revolt, a more affordable alternative compared to other prescription topical treatments.

Facts and resources about Heartworm can be found here





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and unseasoned,
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# Tis' The Season for Sneezin'

Dogs and cats suffer from seasonal allergies just like us, and many are allergic to ragweed, grasses, pollens, molds and trees. These environmental allergies can flare up during any season, and can be frustrating for you and your pet.

#### The Tell-Tail signs that your pet has Allergies:

- Sneezing
- Very itchy
- Excessive licking or rubbing
- · Red, inflamed skin, flaky skin or dandruff
- · Hair loss, open sores or rash
- · Puffy, runny eyes
- · Swelling around the face
- · Itchy, smelly ears or continuous ear infections
- · Vomiting or Diarrhea

To provide temporary relief you can give frequent baths with a soothing shampoo, or foot soaks to reduce the amount of allergens tracked into your home.





For long term relief ask your
Veterinarian about testing, medication
and desensitization shots. Your vet
may also recommend supplements or a
specialized diet.



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Cytopoint Itch Checklist

