

WELCOME TO OUR

Monthly Newsletter

we're so glad you're here!



HOLIDAY SAFETY TIPS FOR PETS

The holidays are full of joy — but they can also bring hidden hazards for our furry friends. Foods like chocolate, grapes, and anything sweetened with xylitol should stay far out of paw's reach, and holiday plants such as poinsettias, mistletoe, and lilies can be toxic if ingested. Be mindful of tinsel, ribbons, and ornaments, which can cause trouble if swallowed. Keeping pets away from party snacks and decorations helps ensure the holidays stay merry and safe for everyone in the family. If you suspect your pet has eaten something they shouldn't, contact us or an emergency vet right away.

COLD WEATHER PET CARE

As temperatures drop, our pets need extra care to stay cozy and healthy. Limit outdoor time for short-haired breeds, senior pets, and those with health conditions, and wipe paws after walks to remove salt and ice melt. Make sure outdoor animals have warm, dry shelter and access to unfrozen water. Cold weather can also aggravate joint pain, so monitor older pets closely for signs of stiffness or limping. A few simple adjustments can make winter much more comfortable for your four-legged family members.

Clinic Spotlight: Frank & Beans Are Back!

Guess who's back for the holidays? Our favorite duo — Frank the Elf and his trusty sidekick, Beans! They've made their grand return to the clinic and are already spreading holiday cheer in their own mischievous way. Each December, Frank & Beans make it their mission to bring smiles to our team and clients alike, whether they're caught sneaking treats, helping with decorations, or keeping an eye on our patients from their latest hiding spot. You never know where they'll turn up next or what kind of festive fun they'll get into. Be sure to follow along on our social media pages throughout the month to keep up with all their adventures — we promise you won't want to miss a single moment of the holiday mischief!





Year in Review: A Look Back at 2025

As the year comes to a close, we want to take a moment to reflect on what an incredible year it's been at Maplewood Veterinary Center. From welcoming new team members and patients to expanding our services, 2025 has been full of growth, learning, and heartwarming moments. We're so grateful for the continued trust and support of our clients — you are the reason we love what we do every day. Here's to an even brighter year ahead, filled with healthy pets and happy tails!

Holiday Hours & Emergency Care

As we celebrate the holidays, Maplewood Veterinary Center will have adjusted hours to allow our team time with their families. Please take note of our schedule and plan ahead for prescription refills or routine visits. In case of emergencies while we're closed, we'll have our recommended emergency clinic information available on our website and voicemail. We appreciate your understanding and wish you and your pets a safe, happy holiday season!

December Coupons

\$50 Referral

Refer a friend and you each
receive a \$50 credit

**\$23 New Client
Exam**

Only applicable to new clients and
for first exam charge only.



Hot Take
FROM DR. MATT

The holidays may be the season of giving, but please — don't share your plate with your pets. Every year, we see an uptick in upset stomachs, vomiting, and diarrhea after pets sneak a little too much 'holiday cheer.' No matter how convincing those puppy-dog eyes are, keep the turkey, gravy, and stuffing to yourself. Your pet (and your carpet) will thank you later.

WINTER PET WELLNESS CHECKS

Cold weather can take a toll on our pets, especially seniors or those with chronic conditions. If your furry friend hasn't had their annual exam yet, now's the perfect time to schedule it. A wellness check helps us catch early signs of arthritis, dental disease, or weight changes that often surface during the colder months. Plus, it's a great opportunity to make sure your pet's vaccines and preventives are up to date before the new year begins. Staying proactive now means a healthier, happier pet all winter long.

GIVING BACK THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

This holiday season, Maplewood Veterinary Center is proud to partner with Rescued, a local nonprofit whose mission is to support animal welfare by donating profits to local vet clinics, shelters, and pets in need. Founded by Erin and Kris, Rescued began as a high-end resale boutique with one simple goal — to help pets receive the care they deserve. Since opening in 2015, they've built a community dedicated to making a difference for animals in need of medical care and loving homes. In 2025 Rescued was able to help clients at Maplewood by providing over **\$12,000** in funds for much needed care.

To help support their incredible mission, we're hosting a Cutest Pet contest right here at the clinic! Clients will vote for the cutest pet by making a monetary donation and the pet with the most votes, \$1.00 = 1 vote will be crowned The cutest Pet. All proceeds will go directly to Rescued to help families in need of veterinary care for their pets. Together, we can make the season brighter for pets and families who need it most!



Thank you for being part of our Maplewood family — here's to a happy, healthy holiday season for you and your furry companions!

If you have any questions or need to schedule an appointment, give us a call at **563-888-5850** or **click below to schedule online!**

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