

# Bartels Pet Hospital Newsletter



## Happy Holidays From Our Family To Yours!

We hope that you enjoy this edition of our hospital newsletter! We have a lot of exciting news to share – and some important information about your pet's continued health care. As always, we try to keep abreast with the very latest developments in veterinary medicine.

## What's new at Bartels?

Bartels Pet Hospital has many exciting new news for our clients:

On the outside of the building, you will find a new parking lot with painted lines which contain not only more parking spaces but also handicap access. We are also renovating the outside of the building by adding siding.

On the inside of the building you will see the new staff faces of Chris Hudec, Charlene Stanley, and Stephanie

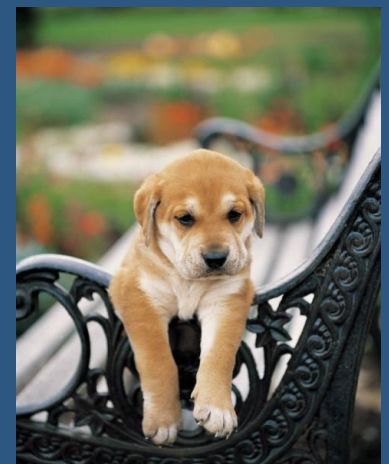
Angelo. There is also a new station in the waiting room which provides coffee, hot chocolate, and cookies. Finally, there are many new and exciting changes to our grooming department that you can read about on the next page of the newsletter.

Bartels is also now on **Facebook!** Check us out for important news and special offers.

### *In this edition...*

- *Leptospirosis: A growing problem*
- *The New Grooming Department*
- *National Pet Dental Health Month*

***"We give dogs time we can spare, space we can spare and love we can spare. And in return, dogs give us their all. It's the best deal man has ever made."***





"Anybody who doesn't know what soap tastes like never washed a dog."

## Leptospirosis: A Growing Problem

Did you know that leptospirosis is the most common zoonotic disease worldwide? The bacteria driven disease which had diminished in the US in the 90s has reemerged. Leptospirosis is most commonly spread through urine and can enter the body through ingestion, the mucous membrane, and abrasions. For example, your dog can drink from a puddle with high concentrations of leptospirosis causing your pet to become infected.

Living in Brecksville and the surrounding suburbs leaves your pet more vulnerable to contracting leptospirosis. Wild animals are a reservoir for the disease and a lack of predators and increased food supply in suburban areas increases wildlife concentrations by 8-10 times higher per acre than in rural areas.

Signs of infection include depression, loss of appetite, vomiting, weakness, muscle pain, excessive thirst, excessive urination and swollen eyes.

To prevent this growing disease from infecting your dog make sure they receive annual vaccinations. Although it is not considered a core vaccine, many veterinarians have made it a requirement at their practice due to the severity of the problem. Newer vaccines have even been made to prevent the disease and its' spread while the first vaccines only reduced clinical signs.

## Bartels Grooming: The New Wave

The Bartels grooming department has not only added to its staff but has a whole new working station.

Laura Osthoff and Marie Moore have joined up with Lori Pavlinsky to provide your pets an ultimate grooming experience. Our talented groomers use premium shampoos, conditioners, and other products.

So what does a "spa day" for your dog consist of?

Your pets will be either hand-washed or bathed with a hydro-surge (a massaging shampooer) in one of our two recently added stainless steel bath tubs. After, the bath your pet will be hand-dried then further dried with a fluff dryer which works magic. Once your pet is fully dried, they will be styled to your liking and spend the rest of the day relaxing and playing.

Here in the Bartels grooming department, your pet's comfort and safety is our number one concern!



Our pets love new adventures! Be sure to be very careful with your Christmas tree. Needles from the tree and tinsel are very dangerous to our pets if swallowed! Digestive problems may occur which could require surgery to fix.

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8 am-7pm

**Tuesday, Wednesday, & Friday:**

8 am-6pm

**Saturday:**

8am-2pm

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*Remember, we treat  
your pets as if they  
were our own!*

## National Pet Dental Health Month

Many of you know that at Bartels Pet Hospital we celebrate the importance of good dental health for your pets during National Pet Dental Health Month every February. Dental disease can be very painful for your pets and can lead to kidney, liver and heart damage. Please ask us how you can learn to keep your pet's mouth clean and healthy! Also, preventative dental cleanings will be offered at a **10%** discount throughout the month of February! We book quickly – **call now!**

### Season's greetings!



#### A good joke:

*A dog thinks: Hey, these people I live with feed me, love me, provide me with a nice warm, dry house, pet me and take good care of me... they must be Gods!*

*A cat thinks: Hey, these people I live with feed me, love me, provide me with a nice warm, dry house, pet me and take good care of me... I must be a God!*



**WISHING YOU AND  
YOUR FAMILY A MERRY  
CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY  
HOLIDAYS!**