

Sierra Animal Wellness Center

Specializing in Holistic, Integrative Veterinary
Medicine



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The Colfax Record's Annual "Best of" Voting

Each year the Colfax Record has voting for the "Best of..." for different businesses in our area. If you are happy with Dr. Peggy and our clinic, if you have seen your furry loved ones benefit from her dedication, would you take a few minutes to fill out the ballot? Just [click here](#) to be taken right to the ballot.

Please honor all the rules, no ballot stuffing and no more than one entry per person. Also, in order for your ballot to be counted, you need to vote in at least 20 categories. We found that some of our favorites like Cafe Luna, Dine 'n Dash and TJ's could be named in multiple categories. Balloting ends on April 30, 2018.

Thanks for your help!



Thank You... We Love Referrals!

We always appreciate your referrals and as a special "thank you" we have decided to begin a monthly drawing for clients who have referred a new client to us. The winner of the drawing will receive 40% off an in house blood panel, good for one pet for 12 months

from the date of the drawing. This panel includes a complete blood count, 10 different chemistries which look at the functioning of the different organ systems of the body and the balance of electrolytes which are essential for the normal function of the body's cells and organs.

Why a blood panel? It is one of the best diagnostic tools around and we recommend one each year. It can help us detect the onset of disease early on, when we have the best chance for effective treatment. But of course we hope all is normal and when it is, it provides an excellent benchmark for future tests, which become more critical as your pet ages. It's a win-win!



Get Rattled - Rattlesnake Avoidance Training

If you enjoy activities that take you and your dogs outdoors, you and your furry friends may be at risk of encountering rattlesnakes. They may even end up in your own backyard. What do the experts recommend as the most effective way to protect your canine friends? The answer is rattlesnake avoidance training!



The Friends of Western Gateway Dog Park have partnered with Get Rattled to host a Rattlesnake Avoidance Training Clinic in Penn Valley for area pet owners. For more information click on this link:

[Rattlesnake Avoidance Training](#)

This may be one of the best training investments you'll ever make!

More on Rattlesnakes and Protecting Your Furry Friend

We've published this information before, but a refresher before rattlesnake season is always worthwhile:

Over the years we have received inquiries about protecting dogs from rattlesnakes via vaccine. Like U.C. Davis, we do not stock or recommend the rattlesnake vaccine currently available. We concur with the university, the AVMA, the AAHA canine vaccine task force and vaccine expert Dr. Jean Dodds that the "information regarding the efficacy of rattlesnake vaccine is insufficient", it "may produce adverse events with limited benefit" and snake bites generally "respond readily to treatment". To read more about this vaccine click on [Rattlesnake Vaccine: What You Should Consider](#).

Rattlesnake Do's and Don'ts

"Rattlesnake Do's and Don'ts" was published in a previous newsletter and is on our web site under "Resources". It contains information on snake avoidance, recognizing symptoms of snake bite and, if the worst should happen and your dog is bit, what to do and, just as important, what not to do. We hope you never need this, but living in our area it is a good idea to be prepared. [Click here](#) to read the article.



This poor pup was bit on the face.
Luckily, she made a full recovery.

