

# Old Towne Animal Hospital

## November 2021

WHERE YOUR PETS ARE OUR PETS



**Our Mission Statement:**  
**To provide quality medicine in a family friendly atmosphere. We strive to reach this goal by integrating the principles of compassion, commitment, education, competence, and most importantly, teamwork.**

### November is Senior Pet Awareness

#### Month

A lot of thought goes into welcoming a new pet to the family. Most of these thoughts start with “puppies” or “kittens”!!

There are several reasons to start your family pet off as a puppy or kitten;

- they will grow with the family
- they will be trained the way we want
- they are cute
- they will be with the family for longer than an older pet.

All these reasons are true, however, let's not forget about the older pets that would love a second chance at a family. Shelters are over-filled and thousands of older pets wait to be adopted, unfortunately some never do. With November being Senior Pet Awareness Month let's highlight some of the benefits of adopting an older pet:

- the feeling is rewarding
- many older pets are already trained and housebroken
- you may just save a life!!



**Pet Friendly Pumpkin Treats:**  
-2 and ½ cups flour  
-2 eggs  
-1/2 cup canned or fresh pumpkin puree (non-seasoned)  
-2 tablespoons peanut butter (organic or xylitol free)  
-1/2 tsp. salt  
-pinch of cinnamon  
Combine all ingredients. Add small amounts of water to keep from crumbling. Roll on a floured surface until ½ inch thick. Cut into desired shapes and bake at 350 for about 30-35 mins until desired firmness (bake for less time to make treats softer for older dogs or those with minimal teeth).

*For more information on local shelters or rescue groups please call and speak with one of our staff at*  
**(916) 961-8683**



## 5 Tips to pet winter safety

**As the weather gets cooler, its best to keep your companion inside as much as possible. If your pet must be outside be sure there is adequate shelter with the opening away from the wind. An adequate shelter is 3 times the size of the animal.**

**Shorten outdoor exercise during the coldest parts of the day and night.**

**Continue using your pet's monthly parasite preventions. While some parasites such as fleas and ticks may become dormant, they are still active on your pet during the winter months and can still hibernate in your home.**

**When the weather is cold, cats like to find a warm place to sleep. Make some noise and pound on your hood before starting your engine.**

**Antifreeze is tasty and lethal to pets. Be sure to keep these toxic car products up and out of reach and remove any spills right away!**