

Hello October

From Your Community Veterinary Clinic



We're Batty About Our Vet Techs!

October is Veterinary Appreciation Month at SMVC!

From chasing down "purr-petrators" to bandaging boo-boos, our vet techs are the **TRUE** heroes behind the scenes. They comfort your pets, assist in surgeries, and sprinkle a little **Hocus-Pocus** to keep tails wagging and whiskers twitching! This October, we're **HOWLING** with appreciation for our spook-tacular tech team-no tricks, just endless treats and **GIANT** thanks for all they do!

Did You Know?

Veterinary Technicians complete rigorous education and training, passing national exams to become licensed professionals.

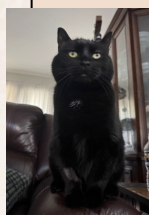
Vet Techs not only assist our doctors, but they also have the skills to provide hands-on nursing care, patient monitoring and client education. In fact, there are certain types of appointments that our technicians can handle directly! This allows our doctors to focus on medical cases while still ensuring your pet gets expert, compassionate care!

[Click here to see all the ways our vet techs support your pets!](#)



Case of the Month

Binx and the Haunted Ribbon



Meet Binx, a curious 4-year-old black cat, who recently gave his family quite a scare. One Wednesday, Binx began vomiting shortly after meals, even though he was still bright, energetic, and interested in food and water.

Since Binx had no history of eating things that he shouldn't, his family was surprised when X-rays revealed a suspicious object in his stomach. Surgery confirmed the culprit: a tangled ball of ribbon!

Fortunately, the ribbon had not stretched into what veterinarians call a linear foreign body- where string-like material threads through the intestines, causing them to bunch up like an accordion. That condition can quickly become life-threatening. Binx was lucky his ribbon stayed balled up in the stomach, making removal safer and more straightforward.

After surgery, Binx recovered beautifully and is now back home with his family, reminding us all that sometimes curiosity really can get the cat!



FUR-ightfully Fun OCTOBER events

FLASH TATTOO EVENT WITH GUILDED HERON

Get inked, Give back!! **Saturday, October 11th** Proceeds Benefit the Mooch Memorial Fund.

[Click here for details and tattoo designs](#)



PET HALLOWEEN PARADE & COSTUME CONTEST

Paws, Claws and Creepy Costumes!!
Join us Friday, October 31st at 5:00pm for our first ever Pet Halloween Parade & Costume Contest!

[Click here for details and costume contest categories!](#)



October

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

Dr. Gater



Every month, we love shining a light on one of our amazing team members. It's our way of sharing the faces, stories, and talents behind the care your pets receive at Silver Maple Veterinary Clinic. This month's spotlight is extra special- we are featuring one of our veterinarians, Dr. Gater. From diagnosing illnesses to performing surgery to offering guidance on your pet's overall wellness, our doctor's play such a vital role in keeping your furry family members healthy. Take a moment to get to know Dr. Gater a little better- you might even learn a fun fact or two!

[Click here to get to know Dr. Gater](#)

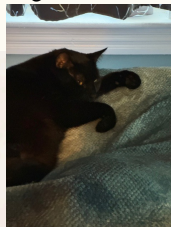


RABIES: NOT JUST A HALLOWEEN SCARE

Bats may be a fun October symbol, but in real life they're one of the most common rabies carriers. While rabies is 100% preventable, it is **ALWAYS** fatal once symptoms appear. Protect your pets year-round vaccines and awareness!

Learn more in our handout

[Rabies: What Every Pet Owner Should Know](#)



TRICKS, JUST TREATS!!

OCTOBER'S PRODUCT OF THE MONTH...



Gracie's Doggy Delights

Ever wonder what those irresistible treats are that your pet gets at our clinic? They're **Gracie's Doggie Delights**-and pets can't get enough of them! The best part? These goodies are **ALL** treat and **NO** trick.

Each one contains just a single ingredient-freeze dried USDA inspected meat. That means no additives, no preservatives, and no chemicals-just pure, wholesome goodness. With Gracie's commitment to high quality, natural ingredients, you can feel good knowing you're giving your pet a treat that is **frightfully** delicious and **fang-tastically** nutritious!



CREEPING UP NEXT...

NOVEMBER

Senior Pet Month

DECEMBER

Elf On The Shelf

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