

Notice to Dog Owners

The Doctors at Woodside Veterinary Clinic have always believed that an informed pet owner is a good pet owner. In that spirit we would like to share with our dog owning clients some facts about Leptospirosis or “Lepto”. The number of cases of Lepto positive dogs has increased dramatically in recent years. Lepto is the number one cause of acute renal failure in dogs.

This is a deadly bacterial disease spread by wildlife and some domestic animals. Common carriers can include skunks, raccoons, squirrels, rats, possums, and sometimes other dogs. The bacteria is shed in urine. Your dog can become infected if they come in contact with fresh urine of an infected animal.

Leptospirosis is a zoonotic disease. This means it can be passed from dogs to people. Signs to watch for can include bloody urine, abdominal pain, fever, vomiting and diarrhea.

We recommend yearly to biannual Lepto vaccinations depending upon your dogs risk.

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