

Happy Holidays from your other family doctor



*North Tama &
Keystone
Veterinary Clinics
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Newsletter*



Congrats to Dr. Abbey, Tanner, and big brother Trip Schwab on welcoming their baby Tegan.

Success Story:

Beni is a 1 year old Maltese that came in for complaints of lethargy, urinating a lot, drinking a lot, and not eating. We were able to work quickly by running bloodwork and urine in house that got us results within minutes. Our vet, Dr. Schlessler and staff were able to diagnose Beni with an acute kidney condition. We were able to treat him in the clinic with IV fluids and other appropriate medications. We are thankful that Beni's owner brought him in promptly and our team was able to successfully treat him. Today he is on a lifelong special diet that will help support his diseased kidneys. Beni will visit us routinely throughout the year for us to continue to monitor how his kidney values are holding.



Left: Beni Forbes

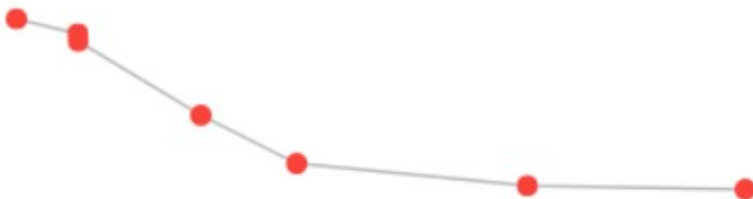
Bottom: We are able to monitor Beni's Kidney Values values as they decrease

Check out our website for next month's newsletter in January!

Most common reasons for acute kidney disease in young cats & dogs:

1. Bacterial Infections:
Leptospirosis, Feline Infectious Peritonitis
2. Toxin: Lilies, Raisins, Rat Bait, Antifreeze
3. Trauma

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We asked our staff to tell us their most memorable gift for Christmas and here are some of their answers:

- * 3 staff members received engagement rings
- * A blanket with a mare on it
 - * A stuffed cow
- * A couple girls got Jewelry with their kid's birthstones
- * A pony & promise ring
- * Chains for tires on a tractor
- * An english riding saddle
 - * Basketball hoop



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New Equipment:

Shiloh is a 4 year old dog who walked through our doors in Keystone for the first time in June of 2023 with a wagging tail and a long history of eye issues. Dr. Paula was able to quickly diagnose him with glaucoma using our handheld tonometer. With the Tonovet our doctors are able to check intraocular pressures in real time without referral to a specialist. Glaucoma occurs when fluid cannot drain properly from the eye resulting in damage to the optic nerve and blindness. The damage to Shiloh's right eye was far too extensive and Dr. Paula performed an enucleation surgery removing the eye that had been causing him pain and discomfort. The good news is that with daily eye drops given by his family Shiloh has gone on to manage his glaucoma and keep the vision in his left eye.



Top: Shiloh Slager at home after recovering from enucleation surgery

Right: Dr. Paula & Rylie testing the tonometer on a patient

