



Edgewood Veterinary Tips

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Where's The Foxtail?

Foxtails are here and can cause serious harm to our pets. Foxtails will stick to the fur of your pet just like they stick to your socks! Through movement of the animal, the foxtail will burrow into the skin and disappear. Most of the time we find these grass seeds in swellings between the toes, in the eyelids, ears and nose. At times they can be found in the lungs, kidneys and other vital organs which can make our pets very sick. If your pet seems to be licking at a swelling, shaking their head, squinting an eye or sneezing violently, please take them to your veterinarian immediately. Prevention usually involves restricting pet's activity in areas known to have foxtails. Run your hands through your pet's hair coat daily and pay close attention to between the toes. Having your pet receive a boot foot clip at your local groomers can help identify and remove the foxtail before it causes a problem. The health of pets comes first at **Edgewood Veterinary Clinic Inc.** If you have questions regarding animal care don't hesitate to call us at **530-885-1919** to schedule an appointment. Consider joining our family.



P.S. These grass seeds have a hardened tip and barbs which allow the foxtail to move in only one direction.



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