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Puppy Problem Prevention Class

Beginning in September 1992 the Behavior Clinic at VHUP will reinstate its Puppy Problem Prevention Class. This is a single two-hour session that focuses on normal behavior and the importance of early socialization. The session is open to clients with puppies six months of age and under, with a $25 fee for the first class; however, clients choosing to participate in the study will receive the following free of charge: DHLPP and rabies vaccines for the duration of the study (including any incomplete puppy vaccines), twice yearly fecals and appropriate medications, and annual heartworm tests. Initial appointments are on Saturdays, but can be on any day clients prefer. Follow-up appointments will be scheduled every three months. Clients will be asked to complete a questionnaire about their puppy’s behavior prior to the first appointment. This same questionnaire will be completed at three-month intervals during re-exams. All puppies will be videotaped while being asked to perform specific behaviors separately and in groups during all exams.

Some puppies will be fitted with PROMISE System canine head halters without cost to the client. Clients will complete a weekly one page diary of puppy activities and will discuss any questions they might have with an assistant in the clinic on a weekly basis. There is an initial $25 fee for the first class; however, clients choosing to participate in the study will receive the following free of charge: DHLPP and rabies vaccines for the duration of the study (including any incomplete puppy vaccines), twice yearly fecals and appropriate medications, and annual heartworm tests. Initial appointments are 2 hours and are on Saturdays. Follow-up appointments are 1/2 to 1 hour and are usually on Saturdays, but can be at other times to accommodate clients schedules. Referring veterinarians will receive periodic updates on patient’s progress. For information and/or to schedule an appointment, please call 215-898-3679.

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The 1992 Penn Annual Conference was a great success and we offer our thanks to the 750 veterinarians, 155 technicians and 80 exhibitors who attended. A special thanks to the following exhibitors who sponsored lectures at the Conference:

Hills Pet Products

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The 1993 Penn Annual Conference will be held at the newly-renovated Adam’s Mark Hotel on Wednesday, January 20 and Thursday, January 21, 1993. We hope to see you there.