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Newton Veterinary Hospital to Present Dog First Aid Course on March 27th

Class size is limited. Pre-registration is required!

Newton, NJ -- Newton Veterinary Hospital (NVH), the largest veterinary hospital in Sussex County, will be presenting the American Red Cross Dog First Aid Class, including CPR instruction, on Thursday, March 27th announced NVH President, Dr. Don Costlow.

The course, which was created by the American Red Cross and the Humane Society of the U.S., will begin at 6:00pm and end at approximately 9:30pm. The maximum class size is six people. It fills up quickly, so pre-registration is required.

The instructor, Suzanne Ratti, Emergency Supervisor of the Newton Veterinary Hospital, will discuss the proper treatment for many common canine ailments, injuries and conditions. Topics to be covered will include:

- The safe, proper way to give your dog medication
- What to do if your dog is hit by a car

- What to do if your dog suffers a heatstroke or seizure
- What to do if your dog is choking
- How to assess and stabilize bite wounds, bleeding and broken bones for transport to veterinary hospital
- How to recognize symptoms of possible serious illness, such as diarrhea, constipation, vomiting and more

One of the most important skills that will be taught during the class is how to perform CPR on your dog. Many conditions can lead to respiratory/ cardiac arrest and this is a skill that every dog owner should know, just in case the need ever arises. The instructor will demonstrate CPR on “Lassie”, a 10 pound, 24 inch dog doll resembling a collie. This class is for performing CPR on dogs *only*, and does not certify anyone to perform CPR on people.

Every attendee will receive a copy of the American Red Cross publication, *Dog First Aid*, which covers injuries, illnesses, medical emergencies, CPR and over 50 canine medical conditions and problems. The publication also includes a DVD, which offers visual demonstrations of the techniques and skills you can use to help your dog when he or she needs you most.

The price for the class is \$40. To register, please call the Sussex County chapter of the American Red Cross at 973-579-1600 or visit www.sussexredcross.org and click on the class registration link.

About Newton Veterinary Hospital

The Newton Veterinary Hospital (NVH) is the first and only, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week (including holidays) emergency and well care veterinary hospital in Sussex County. NVH has 13 doctors and over 70 staff members to ensure that the most up to date, comprehensive pet care is available around the clock. In addition to providing the very best in veterinary care, we offer a number of other services, including: Expert grooming at our Pet Salon; A Bed & Breakfast Hotel for dogs and Cat Condos for cats while owners are away; and a competitively priced Retail Store. For more information please visit www.newtonvet.com; call (973) 383-4321; or contact Dr. Don Costlow, Owner and President of Newton Veterinary Hospital, at info@newtonvet.com.

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