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Newton Veterinary Hospital to Host a “Pets & People Blood Drive” for Canine and Feline Blood-Type Screening on July 12th, 10AM to 2PM

Pre-registration is requested

Newton, NJ -- Newton Veterinary Hospital (NVH), the largest veterinary hospital in Sussex County and home of the region’s only Animal Blood Bank, will be hosting a “Pets & People Blood Drive” on Saturday, July 12th from 10:00AM to 2:00PM announced NVH President, Dr. Don Costlow.

The Blood Center of NJ will be on-site at the Newton Veterinary Hospital to take blood donations from people, while a sample is pulled from their dog or cat. Pets will not be giving a full donation at the drive, just a few milliliters of blood for a blood-type screening to determine if the animal would be a suitable donor. Not all pet blood types are eligible to make donations, due to how the blood is accepted by the recipient.

If it is determined that your dog or cat is a good candidate to be a donor, your pet will donate blood during routine visits every few months during the year. Your pet may also be called in to donate blood in the event of a medical emergency. Healthy animals can safely give blood every 30 days.

Please visit www.newtonvet.com and click on “The Region’s Only Animal Blood Bank” link to see if your dog or cat meets the basic requirements to be a donor and to get a registration form. It is requested that pet owners who are not clients of NVH, have their regular vet fill out the form regarding their pet’s vaccine status, temperament and health condition. There is also a short questionnaire for the owner to complete about their pet.

While both “Pets & People” can give blood at this event, it is open to everyone. Pet owners do not need to be clients of the Newton Veterinary Hospital to participate, nor do they have to donate blood themselves. Blood donors who do not own pets or do not wish to bring their pets are also welcome.

Human blood donors must be at least seventeen years of age, in good health and should bring a signed or picture form of identification. They should wait at least 24 hours after having teeth cleaned or filled and if they’ve traveled outside of the U.S. recently, should call the Blood Center of NJ for eligibility criteria. Donors will be asked questions about their medical history and be given a mini-health check including pulse, blood pressure and iron level. The actual donation of blood takes between 5 and 7 minutes and afterwards the donor will be given a snack and juice. The entire process usually takes under one hour. For additional information, call the Blood Center of NJ at 973-676-4700, ext. 132.

It is requested that anyone who is planning to participate in the drive, either for themselves or their pet, call 973-383-4321, e-mail info@newtonvet.com or sign up at the front desk of the Newton Veterinary Hospital.

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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