"Since he/she is healthy, we don't have to insult them with a rectal temperature, never the highlight of their day!"

(if give HR on pets with exam), " is is a normal heart rate for my patients. If this were you or I. we would be in the hospital!"

mind if a (name of your favorite team – esp if rival) fan takes care of vou! I promise not to sabotage you for the game!"

Cataract: "Since don't have to drive a car or read a newspaper, not as critical"

seeing a Cataract: "We'll have to put a restriction on their license."

"Wow, why were you at the end of the line when they were handing out legs? (to short legged dogs)

I think you got the 'short straw'! (to short legged dogs)

Dachshund, Corgi, or other short legged dogs "Maybe we can put you on the rack to get you longer legs! We did that and helped to create Great Danes!"

'Wow, will you ever grow into those legs? (to long legged dogs)

Sport collar: "I hope you don't New pup/ kitten: "The staff told me there was an ugly puppy/ kitten in here I want to see, I don't believe them!"

> New pup/ kitten: "I don't know if you will grow into these ears (legs, eyes, head)?!"

New pup/ kitten: "You know, you are probably overwhelmed with all the cuteness here. I think we need to share and each of us staff members get night with If a 14/15 yr old pet: "Wow, Mr/Mrs cutie pie!"

New pup/ kitten: To child: "Do you help mom/ dad pick up the poop? You don't eat it like the puppy does, do you?" comment their pup 'is getting big' or 'I miss the small size', we tell them: "We have a scientifically proven method to keep your pup small! Every night, you just put them in a drawer and close the drawer on them and it keeps them from growing!" They will laugh – the kids may say "that's not true". I'll usually counter with "Have you tried it?" Which they have not, and I'll proclaim "See, you did not do that, so your pup grew, that is proof that if you had, it pup would not have grown!

New pup/ kitten: If more than one pet from household in clinic: "Who wants to be the first volunteer?"

you get to have your driver license next year (or 2). Are you excited?".."Don't you wish our teens were this unenthusiastic about driving?"

New pup/ kitten: "Why are you afraid? I'm the wearing a white coat- I must be the good gal! (guy)"

New pup/ kitten: When clients New client: "Welcome – we ordered this weather especially for you." whatever the weather!

> If from north of practice (even 1 street): "We heated the place up just for you. No matter the temp outside!"

If from the south: "We cooled it down just for you." – no matter the temp outside!

'It's Ok to bring in a poop sample with litter on it, the staff get to lick it off! It's a benefit of working here!"

Did you hear about the dog learning to play the piano? His Bach was worse that his bite!

'It's time for his/her "S H O T" (spell out), I hope you have not taught him/ her how to spell!"

Everyone who is afraid of needles can turn the other way... Except for you, assistant."

X- ray review: "Air shows up as black. (pointing to air in colon) I tell the kids, this is a fart waiting to happen."

As pet with curly tail is leaving : "Look, we did not take the curl completely out of his/ her tail!"

As check eves with ophthalmoscope: "We want to check the eves to see if he/she needs glasses!"

Sx discharge: "Was looking at us like 'Man don't look at me like that, not here!"

Sx discharge: "We read the instructions to 'pet name' but he /she said we should talk to you also, since you are driving home."

Heartworm test: when negative: "Look we're not pregnant!" Seems to work better with my female CVT than when I say it - rule #1: Know vour audience

We don't want you to loose your teeth and be like George Washington with wooden teeth!