

MCLEOD



VETERINARY HOSPITAL

Holiday Hours:

Victoria Day: Closed
Canada Day: Closed
August Civic Holiday: Closed
September Labor Day: Closed
Truth & Reconciliation Day: Closed
Thanksgiving: Closed
Remembrance Day: Closed
We are also closed Saturdays of summer long weekends (July, August, September)

Hours of operation:

Monday – Thursday:

7:45 am – 6:30 pm

Friday:

7:45 am – 6:00 pm

Saturday:

8:00 am – 1:00 pm

Sunday: Closed

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Please continue to wear masks while visiting our hospital. We wish to keep our clients and staff healthy.

Veterinary Shortage affecting McLeod and all of Canada

We're making every effort to catch up with our surgery cases and accommodate our springtime wellness exams. We continue to face challenges accommodating our clients when they require urgent veterinary care. We have been keeping some appointment spots open daily to try to be available for such scenarios. We ask clients to call us first thing in the morning if their pet requires care, as those appointments quickly book up.

As a short-term solution, we have stopped accepting new clients, to best serve our loyal customers. We will continue to see new pets, if you have any recent furry additions to your family.

We are eager to welcome Dr. Railyn Combate. Dr. Combate is finishing her final year of studies at the Western College of Veterinary Medicine in Saskatoon and will be joining our team in June this summer.

We continue to refer many emergency cases (when our vets are over scheduled and/or afterhours) to the 24-hour emergency hospitals in Winnipeg.

- Bridgwater Veterinary Hospital & Wellness Center (ph: 204-977-8522 address: 100-350 North Town Rd) or
- Winnipeg Animal Emergency Hospital (ph: 204-452-9427 address: 400 Pembina Hwy)

These shortages have been affecting other hospitals in Winnipeg as well as across Canada and has become an area of focus with the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association.



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Have you checked our webstore?

Visit our website at www.mcleodvet.com and click on the shopping cart. You must register before beginning to shop, as the store is only available to clients of McLeod Veterinary Hospital. Approval takes 1-2 business days. Our webstore has so many great products from cat litter, dog collars, prescription diets, treats and supplements and just about everything else you could need for your pets. Deliveries can be made to our hospital for free or right to your door (shipping fees apply).

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McLeod Veterinary Hospital Staff Members

Veterinarians

Dr. Alison Bowles

Dr. Jason Kellsey

Dr. Rialyn Combate*

(*Starting late June)

Registered Veterinary Technologists

Barbe Parke

Amy Weir

Jennifer Peters

Carolyn Tschernow

Krystin Sackmann

Client Service Coordinators

Martina Korne

Ashley Chwartacki

August Sontag

Sherree Estrada

Lindsay Trautwein

Shanicia Ruddock

Jenna Reinisch

Brandie Narynski

Veterinary Assistants

Romi Braun-Scott

Tate Starkell

Spenser Pilon

Tien Nguyen

Manager

Cindy Sontag, RVT

Assistant Manager

Zoe Surgeoner, RVT

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If your pet is experiencing any of the following signs of illness or injury, we recommend seeking immediate veterinary care:

- Having a hard time breathing or increased breathing effort and rate
- Profound lethargy, loss of coordination or falling over
- Trauma: lacerations, crushing or blunt force injury
- Sudden onset of abdominal swelling
- Injury to eyes
- Inability to urinate
- Change in colour of gums (grey, blue or pale colour)
- Known ingestion of toxicities
- Repeated retching and vomiting

We will always do our best to support you. Call us if your pet is ill and based on your pet's condition we will determine if they require immediate veterinary care, or if they're stable and able to wait until our next available appointment.

A big shout out to our front staff who are always trying their hardest to accommodate pets that need prompt veterinary care. This sometimes means recommending a visit to another hospital when it's in the best interest of your pet.

Heatstroke in your dog....

I'm not sure where the expression the Dog Days of Summer comes from, but ironically dogs don't handle the extreme heat very well at all. Dogs do not have great ability to regulate their internal body temperature, as they can only pant and perspire from their feet. As a result, we must manage their exposure to prevent heatstroke.

Factors such as age, obesity, breed, and underlying illness can increase a dog's susceptibility to heatstroke. Short-nosed dogs, such as Pugs, Boston terriers or Shih Tzu's are also at a higher risk.

We recommend exercising your pet during the early or late hours of the day when temperatures are at their lowest. If out camping or at the cabin with your dog, always ensure that your pet is encouraged to rest in shady areas and have fresh cool water always available. You may need to cool your pet during hot days; consider a kids swimming pool, a dip in the lake or even some cold wet towels to bring down their temperature.

Pets should never be left in vehicles during the summer months as they get extremely hot (even during our cooler days) in a very short period. Sadly, pets die every year from hyperthermia because of being left in a car.

Should you notice that your pet is hot, panting excessively, drooling, lethargic, and/or unsteady after being outside in the heat; seek immediate veterinary care. During transportation you should begin cooling your pet with cool wet towels. Do not force your pet to drink water as they could choke.

Lyme Disease and Heartworm Parasites

Wood ticks and mosquitoes are the cause for Lyme disease and Heartworm parasites. Prevention is the best protection for your dogs. During the summer months chewable tablets can kill these nuisance pests that cause these devastating diseases. All dogs should be on a monthly Heartworm prevention, as all dogs are exposed to mosquitos. These heartworm preventatives kill the immature life stage of the heartworm parasite. They're administered from early June to November. Wood ticks often prefer cooler temperatures and inhabit grassy areas. We recommend a preventative that offers protection against heartworm and kills wood ticks (and fleas), to all dogs that explore such areas. This monthly prevention is administered from April to November. Annual vaccines are also very effective and best when used in combination with monthly oral chews. For more information visit www.mcleodvet.com