



Fall 2017

### NEW Extended Hours:

Monday – Thursday:  
8:00 am – 9:30 pm

Friday:  
8:00 am – 6:00 pm

Saturday & Sunday:  
8:30 am – 3:00 pm

### We have a new email!

Please use [info@mcleodvet.com](mailto:info@mcleodvet.com) for any questions or concerns.

### [www.mcleodvet.com](http://www.mcleodvet.com)

Our website has been revamped! Want to meet our staff members and learn about our facility? Visit us at [www.mcleodvet.com](http://www.mcleodvet.com).

### McLeod Veterinary Hospital is growing!

Renovations are taking place within the hospital. Although our clients may not see the renovations in process, noises associated with construction may be heard from the exam rooms and reception area. We appreciate your patience and will continue to provide full services during this time.

Should you have any questions or to schedule an appointment, please contact us at 204-661-3334.

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## To Sleep, or not to Sleep?

There has been some controversy recently in regards to anesthesia free dental cleanings for pets. This practice involves scaling, or scraping the plaque and tartar off of a pet's teeth while they are awake. Some would see this as a beneficial, drug-free alternative to the traditional anesthetic procedure typically performed in veterinary practices.

A veterinarian can get a general idea of immediate oral concerns during a routine physical exam on a cooperative pet. It is impossible however, to provide a thorough examination of your pet's mouth without general anesthesia. Most pets experience a certain level of discomfort/stress associated with the restraint required to perform an anesthesia free cleaning. For this reason, most pets will not sit still enough to risk placing a sharp dental instrument in their mouth. Bacteria present beneath the gum line are the primary cause of periodontal disease and cannot be removed on an awake pet. Anesthesia free cleaning will only allow removal of the plaque and tartar that are visible and, although aesthetically pleasing, offers little therapeutic benefit. Bacteria left below the gum line will continue to contribute to bad breath, and damage to the tooth roots and bone structure.

General anesthesia allows the veterinarian to thoroughly examine your pet's teeth and oral cavity. Your pet's mouth can be properly charted and each tooth individually inspected for problems. Dental radiographs can provide your veterinarian with an outline of the extent of disease present beneath the gum line and cannot be done on an awake pet. Your pet's teeth can then be scaled above and below the gum line on all sides. Polishing all exposed areas of the teeth will provide a nice smooth surface to discourage new bacterial build-up.

The team at McLeod Veterinary Hospital is dedicated to providing your pet with the best care possible. Contact us with any questions you may have regarding your pet's dental health.

## Canadian Animal Blood Bank

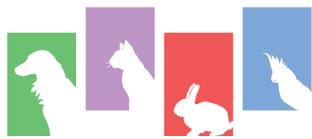
Our next Canadian Animal Blood Bank donation clinic will be held Thursday, November 9th, 2017 from 5–7 pm. Please contact McLeod Veterinary Hospital to determine if your dog could be a future donor.



**McLeod Veterinary Hospital is on Facebook!**

Search us out and join us in this exciting new form of communication!

# McLEOD



## VETERINARY HOSPITAL

### McLeod Veterinary Hospital Staff Members

#### Veterinarians

Dr. Robert Newfield  
Dr. Alison Bowles  
Dr. Jason Kellsey  
Dr. Christie-Leigh Capper  
Dr. Emily Martens

#### Animal Health Technologists

Barbe Parke  
Cindy Sontag  
Amy Weir  
Rhianne Hallows  
Jennifer Peters  
Carolyn Tschernow  
Lindsay Edgar

#### Receptionists

Martina Korne  
Brittini Stowe  
Ashley Celhar  
Carissa Shaw  
Angie Dwornick

#### Veterinary Assistants

Romi Scott  
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## Cognitive Dysfunction and Your Pet

As seniors, our pets are at risk of decreased mental function. Pets may start to exhibit symptoms similar to Alzheimer's and dementia ranging from mild to severe. There are no known direct causes of cognitive dysfunction, although age and genetics are contributing factors.

Memory loss, including loss of learned behaviours, may be one of the more subtle changes noted by pet owners. Other signs may include changes in sleeping habits, wandering or disorientation, house soiling, and a decline in interactions with owners. These changes can be subtle and confusing for pets and owners alike.

There is currently no cure for cognitive dysfunction, although there may be ways to slow its progression. Take note of any behavioural changes in your pet and discuss these changes with your veterinarian. Behavioural changes can indicate a variety of medical conditions, therefore blood tests and other diagnostics may be required to rule out other conditions. There is currently no test available to accurately diagnose cognitive dysfunction, therefore the information you share with your veterinarian is an important step towards diagnosis and management.

As our pets age, their nutritional requirements change. Hill's b/d is a prescription brain aging diet containing antioxidants, high levels of Omega 3 fatty acids, and therapeutic levels of L-carnitine. These ingredients work together to prevent damage to brain cells from free radicals. Hill's prescription diets are tested and tailored to the needs of specific medical conditions through research and clinical trials.

If you are noticing changes in your pet, a visit to your veterinarian is the only way to obtain a proper diagnosis. Once a diagnosis has been made, steps can be taken to aid in maintaining the health and vitality of your pet.

## Prescription Diet Oral Care Chews

Introducing Hill's Prescription Diet Oral Care Chews!

These revolutionary chews have been specially designed to act like a toothbrush and floss to help clean teeth and freshen breath. Hill's Oral Care Chews carry the VOHC seal of approval and have been clinically proven to reduce plaque and tartar build-up on your dog's teeth. Hill's Prescription Diet Oral Care Chews are currently available in two convenient sizes at McLeod Veterinary Hospital.

## Staff Spotlight



Martina Korne has been bringing her pets to see Dr. Newfield since 1983. She started working at McLeod Veterinary Hospital in 2002. Martina and her husband share their home with an array of animals, including dogs, cats, and fish. She enjoys spending her free time with her daughters and grandchildren. During the summer months, Martina can be found soaking up the sun at her family's cottage.



## Meet Peggy

Peggy came to us as a stray kitten late in 2016. She has health issues which require careful monitoring therefore a home setting is not ideal for her. Peggy has become an important member of the McLeod Veterinary Hospital family. She enjoys food, morning snuggles, chasing bugs, and lounging in sunbeams.