

MCLEOD



VETERINARY
HOSPITAL



February 2010

Hospital Hours

Mon – Thurs 8 am – 6:30 pm
Friday 8 am – 6:00 pm
Saturday 9 am – 1:00 pm
Sunday Closed

Announcements

Congratulations to Dr. Alison Bowles and her husband Tim on the birth of their second child. A son, Ethan Bruce Stanley Bowles was born January 22, 2010, weighed 7 lbs 3 oz and was 21 ½ inches long.

Congratulations also to our Animal Health Technologist Amy Weir and Mike McLeod on the birth of their first child. Logan Max McLeod was born on January 20, 2010. He weighed 7 lbs 9 oz and was 21 inches long.

Questions?

Our clients have access to www.veterinarypartner.com, a web site which offers information on many pet related issues such as behaviour, nutrition, and emergency care.

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Ultrasound

As of October 2009, McLeod Veterinary Hospital is pleased to offer ultrasound diagnostic services to clients.

To perform an ultrasound, a transducer is used to emit a high frequency sound undetectable by the human ear. The transducer then gathers echoes reflecting off objects, such as internal organs and tissues, and uses them to create an image which can be transferred onto a computer screen



Ultrasound equipment can be used for many purposes in the medical profession, such as organ abnormalities, bladder stone and tumor detection, and can prove to be an important diagnostic tool for veterinarians.

Brushing Your Pet's Teeth

Your pet's oral health has a direct effect on their overall health. Getting a jumpstart on oral care while your pet is young is important and can significantly reduce the health problems associated with poor oral hygiene.

Brushing your pet's teeth on a daily basis can aid in notably reducing gingivitis as well as plaque and tartar buildup. Introducing brushing slowly to your pet will help increase your potential for success and reduce the stress associated with this unfamiliar task.

Begin by getting your pet used to having your fingers around their mouth. Gently stroke your pet's face and allow your fingers to lift its lips and rub its gums gently. This act is best accomplished when your pet is tired and may be mistaken as play if attempted when they are full of energy. Once your pet will comfortably allow your fingers inside their mouth, rubbing their gums, you may start to introduce toothpaste. Regular toothpaste should never be used for animals as it is not meant to be swallowed and can irritate their gastrointestinal system. Purchase pet-friendly toothpaste and allow your pet to lick some of the toothpaste off of your finger as a treat. This will have them associating the toothpaste as a reward for something they have done well. A small amount of toothpaste can then be applied to a pediatric, soft-bristle toothbrush and used to brush your pet's teeth.

The texture of the toothbrush may take some getting used to as the bristles will feel strange when compared to the feel of your fingers. Keep in mind that the introduction of tooth brushing in pets can take weeks to months of work. Try not to get frustrated and remember how advantageous this will be for your pet and their overall health in the years to come. Contact your veterinary team if you have any questions or concerns and for more suggestions on how to help maintain your pet's oral health.





Pet of the Month

Meet Felix

A six month old Siamese, lovingly owned by Elissa and Stewart.

McLeod Veterinary Hospital Staff Members

Veterinarians

Dr. Robert Newfield
Dr. Alison Bowles
Dr. Jason Kellsey
Dr. Angela Coleman-Wiebe

Animal Health Technologists

Barbe Parke
Cindy Sontag
Kim Nakamura
Amy Weir
Shannon Toback

Receptionists

Martina Korne
Brittini Jensen
Kelly Zelinsky
Carissa Shaw

Veterinary Assistants

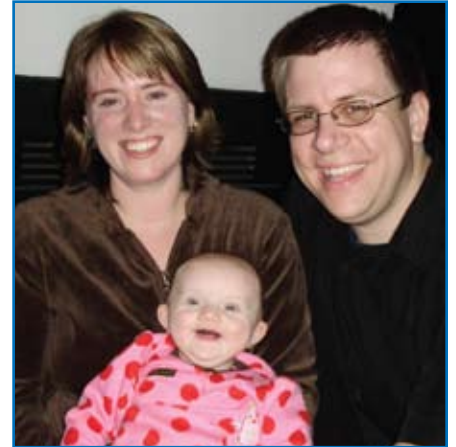
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Welcome

Dr. Angela Coleman-Wiebe joined our practice in January. Dr. Coleman-Wiebe was originally born in Missouri. She graduated from the Ontario Veterinary College in Guelph in 2005. Since that time, Dr. Coleman-Wiebe has been working in a small animal practice in Tallahassee, Florida. In July, Dr. Coleman-Wiebe and her husband welcomed a daughter, Kate, and then moved to Winnipeg the following month. Dr. Coleman-Wiebe looks forward to helping you and your pet with all your veterinary needs.



Feather Picking

Many bird owners have had experience with feather picking. The first step to dealing with the frustrating feather picking is to book an appointment with your veterinarian to discuss potential medical triggers for the behavior. Some medical conditions such as hyperthyroidism, mineral deficiency, and malnutrition may result in feather picking and should be treated by a veterinarian.

Mental stimulation is very important for birds, with boredom being a common cause of feather picking. Keeping your bird busy and its brain active, along with good nutrition and husbandry can aid in preventing behavioral issues.

If your bird is a feather picker, contact your veterinarian, they are here to help!



Brrrrrrr...

Cold weather has returned once again. The freezing temperatures can be hard on pets, especially small dogs and older, arthritic animals. Dogs which normally spend a large amount of time outdoors will require more time inside and small pets may not be able to stay out longer than a few minutes at a time. Check between your dog's toes for ice build-up each time they come indoors and avoid long walks in extremely cold temperatures.

Remember that dry and canned pet food should not freeze. Bring bags and cans of food indoors as soon as possible to avoid spoilage.



For after hours Emergency Care contact:

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