

MCLEOD



VETERINARY
HOSPITAL



February 2014

Hospital Hours

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



McLeod Veterinary Hospital is now on Facebook! Search us out and join us in this exciting new form of communication!

Heartworm Season

Heartworm season will be sneaking up on us soon. We will be sending out reminders for heartworm and lyme testing this spring. Don't forget to call and make your pet's appointment.

Reminders

Reminders and notices can now be emailed to you! Please contact us with your email address. Please add our email address to your mailing list. This will prevent your reminders from being sent to a junk mail folder.

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A Smelly Mouth Speaks For Itself

February is dental awareness month!

Dental care is a key factor in your pet's overall health. Plaque and tartar build up naturally on your pet's teeth and contain harmful bacteria. Gum tissue may become infected, inflamed, and bleed as a result. The bacteria enter your pet's bloodstream and can lead to serious health problems affecting the kidneys, liver, and heart. Dental disease can result in a painful mouth, reluctance to eat, and aggressive or abnormal behavior.

Daily brushing is the best way to prevent plaque and tartar.

There are also products such as *healthymouth*, Hill's t/d dental care diet, CET and Tartar Shield chews, available to help reduce plaque and tartar build-up on your pet's teeth. Along with regular check-ups, dental care, and routine cleanings, these products can aid in preventing serious illness and keeping your furry friend happy and healthy.

For more information regarding dental care and your pet, visit the following websites: www.vohc.org and www.toothvet.ca

Plaque Prevention

Healthymouth products, available in a concentrated water additive, and gel are formulated to reduce plaque formation on teeth. These are the only products of their kind carrying the Veterinary Oral Health Council Seal of Acceptance and have successfully met the criteria of effectiveness through rigorous testing.

There are NO products that can treat established dental disease and *healthymouth* does NOT replace professional dental care. That is why *healthymouth* is most effectively used after a dental cleaning and as part of a complete oral care program. Please contact us or visit www.healthymouth.com for more information regarding this highly effective product.

Healthy Advantage, A Natural Approach

There is a new line of Hill's diets which will be replacing the puppy, large breed puppy, and kitten formulas. The new diets have been formulated to meet the needs of pet owners wishing to feed more natural foods to their pets. The new formulations do not contain chicken by-product meal, corn, or artificial colors/flavors. Pets currently eating the old formulations should undergo a gradual transition onto the new formulas.

Although there have been no changes in the previous formula, Healthy Advantage Adult Canine and Feline formulas have now been renamed "Oral +".

Ask our knowledgeable staff to assist you with any questions regarding your pet's diet.



Meet Fiona

She is a two year old Golden Retriever adopted from Manitoba Underdogs Rescue by Martina & Gord.

McLeod Veterinary Hospital Staff Members

Veterinarians

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

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Scaredy Cat?

Even the most laid-back cats can become anxious during travel, making a simple check-up seem like a full day's work. There are a few things that you can do to keep your kitty's stress level to a minimum while traveling;



- Choose a carrier made of hard plastic that has a lid which can be easily removed if necessary. The carrier should be large enough for your cat to turn around comfortably, but small enough that they are not able to be knocked around during travel. A blanket or rug should be placed in the carrier to provide stability and prevent slipping. Keep the carrier in the living area of your home to give your cat the opportunity to become comfortable and familiar with it.
- If your cat normally vomits or defecates while traveling, avoid giving food for 3 hours prior to leaving.
- Avoid putting more than 1 cat in the carrier at a time.
- Synthetic pheromone sprays or wipes, such as Feliway, can be used inside the carrier half an hour prior to travel to make it feel like a safe place for your cat.
- Cover the carrier with a towel and keep it covered until you are seated in an exam room.
- Use a seatbelt to secure the carrier during travel to prevent excessive movement.
- Keep noise to a minimum while in your vehicle and talk to your cat in a calm, soothing voice.
- Sit away from other animals while in the waiting room.
- Ask your veterinarian if a sedative would be warranted and appropriate for your cat.

We hope these tips will aid in making travel a little less stressful for you and your cat alike.

Educational Seminar



These one-time classes are provided to offer new dog owners some useful information on caring for their puppy. Our goal is to offer tips and information to prepare owners for long and healthy relationships with their dogs. Topics of discussion include training and behavior, oral care, nutrition, vaccines, deworming and grooming.

You'll also have an opportunity to tour our hospital to see where we perform surgeries, dental cleanings and laboratory procedures. There are prizes, take-home goodie bags, and a great time to be had by all!

Our next seminar will be held Saturday, March 1, 2014 at 1:30pm.
To register, call (204) 661-3334.