

MCLEOD



VETERINARY HOSPITAL



February 2015

Hospital Hours

Mon – Thurs 8 am – 6:30 pm
Friday 8 am – 6:00 pm
Saturday 8:30 am – 3:00 pm
Sunday Closed

Fun Facts!

A group of kittens is called a “kindle”, and a group of adult cats is called a “clowder”.

Pregnancy in a cat lasts about 9 weeks.

Blue eyed cats have a high tendency to be deaf, but not all cats with blue eyes are deaf.

Dogs and cats have a third eyelid called a “nictitating membrane”, which helps keep the eye moist and protected.

When dogs kick after going to the bathroom, they are using scent glands in their paws to further mark their territory.

It’s a myth that dogs only see in black and white. In fact, it’s believed that dogs see mostly in blue, greenish-yellow, yellow, and various shades of grey.

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Loyalty Program

Introducing Vicinity

Vicinity is a loyalty program now available at McLeod Veterinary Hospital which rewards clients for their continued support. Earn 1 point per dollar spent and you could save money on your next service or purchase. Ask our staff how you can register today!

Tasty Treats?

With holidays like Easter around the corner, veterinary hospitals are often inundated with calls from pet owners regarding chocolate ingestion. It’s important to remember that the treats we enjoy during such occasions can be extremely harmful to our furry friends.

Chocolate is often overlooked as a threat to pets. Caffeine and theobromine are the two ingredients which make chocolate a harmful snack for your pet. Baker’s chocolate contains approximately 8-10 times more theobromine than milk chocolate and is therefore more toxic. Toxicity depends primarily on the type and amount of chocolate ingested, as well as the size of the animal. Caffeine, another component in chocolate which is toxic to pets, can lead to overstimulation of the nervous system. Foil and plastic wrapping are often ingested along with the chocolate and pose a risk for intestinal blockage.

Please remember to keep all chocolate well out of the reach of pets.

Baby it’s Cold Outside

When venturing outdoors in the winter months, we are always sure to bundle up to avoid feeling the effects of the cold weather. Many often forget that, although our pets may have a nice fur coat to keep warm, they are not immune to the cold. Areas of an animal’s body which are sparsely furred are susceptible to frostbite when exposed to extreme cold for an extended period of time. Shorter walks may be necessary to avoid frostbite and to protect your pet from the damaging effects of the cold temperatures. Even small dogs benefit from outdoor exercise on milder days. Sweaters and jackets are a great way to keep your pet cozy and warm during their time outdoors. Commercially available shoes/booties are also a great choice for small animals whose feet grow cold quickly or for high energy dogs that require walking on even the coldest of days.

Please remember that if you are cold outside, they are too.

McLeod Veterinary Hospital Staff Members

Veterinarians

Dr. Robert Newfield
Dr. Alison Bowles
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Tango

Tango is a 1½ year old Yorkie cross lovingly owned by the Holliday family.



A New Look for McLeod Veterinary hospital

Our facility has endured a facelift! Over the last few months, the reception area and waiting room at McLeod Veterinary Hospital underwent a huge transformation. We have added a fourth exam room and additional seating to accommodate higher client volumes. A refreshment station complete with coffee and water, as well as water dishes for pets is now available to all. We appreciate your patience during the renovation process and hope that you enjoy the changes we have made.

He likes it...Really??

Some pets are easy going and tolerate a lot, but any pet can become aggressive and even the gentlest pets have a breaking point when they feel scared or uncomfortable. Pet owners will often allow small children to climb all over the family pet assuming that the pet will always be tolerant. Just because a pet has never been aggressive, does not mean they do not have the potential to become aggressive. It's important to be able to read your pet's body language so that you can be aware of a potentially dangerous situation, or one that may be making your pet feel uncomfortable. In the majority of cases a pet will exhibit some sign that they are becoming frustrated, scared, or angry prior to resorting to aggression.

In dogs, simply having their tail tucked between their legs can indicate fear/anger and the animal should be approached with caution. Cats will often give sudden, jerking motions of their tail to indicate that they are unhappy. These signs may sometimes be very subtle, therefore being aware of your pet and what is going on around them, is extremely important.

Reap the Rewards of a Clean, Healthy Mouth!

February is dental month! Book a dental cleaning in the month of February and you will be sent home with a bag of goodies to help keep your pet's mouth in tip-top shape. Each patient will also qualify to have their name entered into a draw to win a dental prize pack! A clean, healthy mouth does not go without reward!