

MCLEOD



VETERINARY HOSPITAL



Summer 2009

### Hospital Hours

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

### Announcement

Thank you to all who donated and/or participated in Paws in Motion 2009. With your help a total of \$225,000 was raised to support the Winnipeg Humane Society.

### Questions?

Our clients now have access to [www.veterinarypartner.com](http://www.veterinarypartner.com), a web site which offers information on many pet related issues such as behaviour, nutrition, and emergency care. The web site does not require a subscription or password and can help to answer many questions you may have about your pet.

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## Travelling to the U.S?

Many pet owners frequent the U.S. during the summer months.

We receive countless calls each year from pet owners inquiring about which documents they need to bring with them to get their pet across the Canada / U.S border.



Currently there are no restrictions or vaccine requirements for cats entering the U.S. by land. Proof of rabies vaccination is not required for cats to cross the border, however all

cats must be free of communicable disease upon inspection by border officials. Owners must also provide a veterinary health certificate stating the animal is in good health. If a cat does not appear to be in good health, border officials will require the cat to be examined by a veterinarian at the owner's expense.

Dogs entering the U.S. by land must have proof of rabies vaccination. If your dog has never had a rabies vaccine, vaccination must occur at least 30 days prior to entry to ensure sufficient immunity levels. A certificate is issued by your pet's veterinarian following each rabies vaccination. Your veterinarian will have your pet's rabies certificate on file should you ever misplace it or require a new copy. Valid rabies certificates must be in English or accompanied by a translation and must also include an expiration date to be accepted by border officials. If an expiration date is not included on the certificate the date of vaccination must be no more than 12 months before the date of arrival to the U.S.

When travelling by air, each airline will have its own documentation requirements for animals planning to board the plane. Be sure you understand all the requirements well in advance so you can provide the airline with the necessary documents upon arrival.

Please visit [www.cbp.gov](http://www.cbp.gov) for more information and updates on this topic.



## Emergency Kits

Pets can get into all types of trouble therefore it is important to keep a pet emergency kit on hand to ensure that you will never be caught off-guard. You may even choose to keep one kit at home and an additional kit at the cabin or in the car. The following are some suggested items to include in your pet's emergency kit:

- Scissors
- Tweezers
- Thermometer
- Needle Nose Pliers
- Adhesive Tape
- Roll Gauze
- Tensor Bandage
- Cotton Balls
- Towels
- Blanket
- Iodine
- Hydrogen Peroxide
- Rubbing Alcohol
- Saline
- Imodium
- Kaopectate
- Benadryl
- Polysporin





## Pet of the Month

### Meet Farley

He is a five month old cockapoo owned by Kristi and Shawn.

## McLeod Veterinary Hospital Staff Members

### Veterinarians

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

### Animal Health Technologists

Barbe Parke  
Cindy Sontag  
Kim Nakamura  
Amy Weir  
Shannon Toback

### Receptionists

Martina Korne  
Brittini Jensen  
Kelly Byra  
Carissa Shaw

### Veterinary Assistants

Rees Buck  
Jennifer Loewen  
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# Common Household Dangers

It is not uncommon for pet owners to occasionally toss their pet a piece of tasty leftovers. Many of these owners are unaware of the potential dangers of some of these "treats". Some of the most common foods which may be harmful to your pet include: grapes, raisins, onions, leeks, chives, garlic, and chocolate. Some pets may demonstrate an almost immediate reaction to these foods, whereas others may show no

The ingestion of grapes or failure within 12-72 hours. The been identified, therefore it is grapes or raisins a dog would signs of disease. Dogs reacting generally vomit within 2-6

Members of the onion family, chives, all have the potential companions. The amount and effect on the level of toxicity signs of toxicity within 24-72 hours after eating one of these foods.

Caffeine and theobromine are the two ingredients in chocolate which make it a harmful snack for your pet. Baker's chocolate contains approximately 8-10 times more theobromine than milk chocolate and is therefore much more toxic in smaller quantities. Theobromine toxicity will depend on the type and amount of chocolate ingested and the size of the animal. The signs of toxicity will usually appear within 12 hours of ingestion. The caffeine in chocolate is found in smaller quantities than theobromine and may lead to over-stimulation of the central nervous system.



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## Summer Heat

The summer months bring with them some very high temperatures and many animals will be spending a large portion of their time outdoors. While enjoying time outdoors, be sure to provide your pet with access to plenty of shade and clean drinking water. This will aid in preventing dehydration and also provide them with relief from the warm temperatures.

Many owners enjoy bringing their pets along for a car ride on a warm day. Please remember that the interior temperature of a vehicle can increase drastically in a very short period of time and leaving your pet in the car while running errands could result in heat stroke or even death.

