

MCLEOD



VETERINARY HOSPITAL



Summer 2011

Hospital Hours

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

Summer Hours

We will be closed on the following days:

July 1st, 2nd, 30th

August 1st

September 3rd, 4th, 5th



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

FYI

We recently received a reminder from The Manitoba Veterinary Medical Association of a by-law that states:

The veterinarian-client-patient relation (VCPR) is the basis for interaction among veterinarians, their clients and their patients. This VCPR exists when your veterinarian has seen your animal at least once in the past 12 months and is aware of the keeping and care of your animal by examination. Dispensing or prescribing a prescription product requires the existence of a VCPR.

If your pet is taking medication long-term, please be advised that the veterinarian will need to examine your pet on an annual basis to continue refilling all prescription medications. Please call our office if you have any questions or concerns regarding this information.

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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Bathing Your Dog

Dogs are different from people and should only be bathed when they are dirty or when they need a flea or medicinal bath. Over-bathing removes the natural oils in their skin and fur, and can leave the skin dried out and flaky. Dry flaky skin very often results in scratching. Frequent bathing also reduces the coat's insulative and waterproofing capabilities. However, certain dog breeds that are prone to skin conditions benefit from regular bathing.

When selecting a shampoo, it's best to use a good quality shampoo that is specifically formulated for dogs. You should not use a human shampoo as it is not formulated for a dog's skin or coat. A conditioner specially formulated for dogs is a good idea, particularly if there are tangles and lots of knots.

The best place to bathe your dog is in the bathtub or in a utility tub. If you plan to bathe your dog outdoors, make sure your hose has both hot and cold water. Make sure that all your supplies are within reach before putting your pet into the tub. It is helpful to place a rubber mat in the bottom of the tub so your dog will feel more secure and safe.

If you have questions about the type of shampoo, how often to bathe your pet, or whether or not to use a conditioner, please contact our hospital at any time.



What Your Animal may be Trying to Tell You

The inability to vocalize pain can often result in animals suffering from chronic pain for extended periods of time simply because they are not able to tell their owners that something is wrong. If an animal does not outwardly demonstrate that they are painful, they will usually give subtle hints that owners may not recognize. Changes in posture, appetite, sleeping patterns, and temperament could all indicate potential underlying pain and warrant a visit to your pet's veterinarian.

An aging pet who is beginning to "slow down" or have trouble getting up may be trying to say something. Pets can develop arthritis, an inflammation of the joints which results in pain, swelling, and stiffness. Many pet owners consider arthritis to be a normal part of their pet's aging process and, because their pet may not vocalize to show their pain, may not seek help. Although there is no way to cure arthritis, your pet's veterinarian may be able to prescribe medication to help your pet stay comfortable.

When a pet begins to exhibit abnormal behaviour, they may be trying to alert their caregiver to something more than meets the eye. Paying attention to your pet's "signals" is an important key to keeping them healthy and happy.



Pet of the Month

Meet Rudy

Rudy, a 9 month old Leonberger cross, was adopted from Winnipeg Animal Services and is now lovingly owned by Rees and Ryan.

McLeod Veterinary Hospital Staff Members

Veterinarians

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

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Barbe Parke
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Amy Weir
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Pets and Babies – Playing Together

Bringing home a new baby can be an exciting and overwhelming experience. Amongst the chaos of preparing for a baby, many expectant parents forget that the baby is not only new to them, but to their pet(s) as well. Preparing your pet for the arrival of your baby is important to ensure the health and well-being of your family. The preparation process should begin months before the baby's expected arrival and should be expected to continue until a daily routine has been developed and all family members have become "comfortable" in their new lifestyle.

Setting up baby's nursery in advance will allow your pet to familiarize themselves with the new furniture and decorations in the baby's room. Allow them into the room to sniff around and explore. Wearing baby lotion, baby oil, or baby powder can help familiarize your pet with the smells associated with a baby. It may also be helpful to sprinkle a small amount of baby powder on the change pad or crib skirt in the baby's room.

Supervising your pet in the presence of small children is important in determining how they may react to a new baby. Be sure to praise your pet and reward all positive behaviors towards children and correct any negative behaviors immediately.

Be sure your pet is up to date with all vaccination and deworming protocols recommended by your veterinarian to avoid spreading potentially harmful diseases or parasites to your baby. Discuss any concerns you may have with your pet's veterinarian and your own doctor. Visit www.dogsandstorks.com for more information on this subject.



Heartworm Survey

The heartworm statistics for 2010 are in! The results of the survey have been collected from veterinary hospitals across Canada and help us to understand how prevalent heartworm is in our country. Below are a few facts taken from the 2010 survey;

- 564 dogs tested positive for heartworm in Canada in 2010 (that's 210 more positive results than totaled in 2002)
- 76% of the heartworm positive dogs did NOT travel outside of Canada
- The only 2 provinces where no dogs tested positive for heartworm were Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland & Labrador
- 77 dogs tested positive for heartworm in Manitoba in 2010

Summer Facts

Pets can overheat quickly when outdoors. Shaded areas and plenty of cool drinking water are important and can help provide some relief from the heat but may not be enough if your pet remains outdoors for extended periods of time.

Swimming pools can be extremely dangerous for pets. An animal stepping on a pool cover can quickly become entangled in the plastic and drown.

Dogs only sweat from the bottoms of their feet and the only way they can naturally cool off is by panting.

Cats have no sweat glands.