



Spring 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

Dr. Newfield will be back after his New Zealand adventure on March 30th.

The Winnipeg Humane Society's annual Paws in Motion will take place June 28, 2009 at Assiniboine Park. Registration forms are available online, through the Winnipeg Humane Society at 45 Hurst Way, and at your local Safeway store.

Questions?

Our clients now have access to 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.

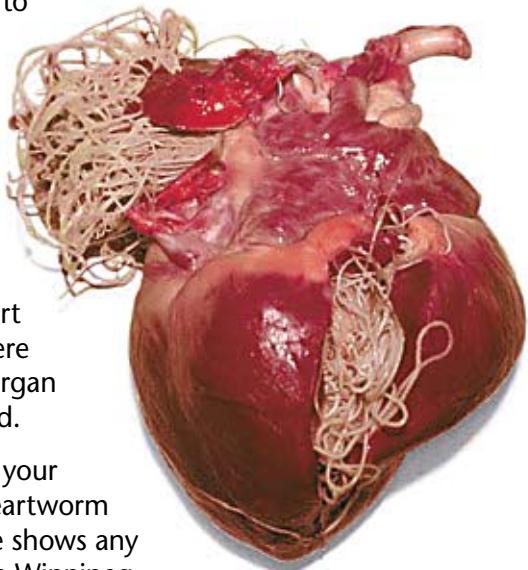
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Heartworm Season is Upon Us Once More!

Another spring has sprung and with it comes a fresh batch of mosquitoes. Mosquitoes are a nuisance and can transmit harmful diseases to our pets.

Heartworm disease is passed from animal to animal by mosquitoes. Infected animals have tiny worms called microfilaria in their bloodstream and adult worms in their heart. The microfilaria are ingested by a mosquito along with a blood meal and develop into infective larvae inside the mosquito. These larvae can be transmitted to a new animal once bitten. The larvae develop to adult worms in the animal's heart and can reach lengths of up to 30 cm. Severe infestations can restrict blood flow, cause organ damage, and result in death if left untreated.

Luckily, a simple blood test performed by your veterinarian can identify the presence of heartworm disease in its early stages before the disease shows any clinical signs in your pet. Animals residing in Winnipeg and its surrounding areas should be on a regular heartworm prevention program throughout the mosquito season. Discuss heartworm testing and prevention with your pet's veterinarian.



Deworming Made Easy!

Deworming cats is now a quick and easy process thanks to a new topical deworming medication called Profender.



For use in cats and kittens 8 weeks of age and older, Profender is a liquid medication used for the treatment and control of hookworm, roundworm, and tapeworm infections. The ready-to-use, pre-measured vials of liquid are easily applied by parting the fur at the base of your cat's neck and squeezing the medication directly onto the skin.

If you have a cat that goes outdoors, deworming is an important part of keeping them healthy. The next time you plan to deworm your cat, ask your veterinarian about Profender.





Pet of the Month

Meet Ice

He is a 3 month old Siberian Husky owned by Pilon family.

McLeod Veterinary Hospital Staff Members

Veterinarians

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

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Cindy Sontag
Kim Nakamura
Amy Weir
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Planning to Board Your Pet?

Many pets visit boarding facilities while their owners are away on vacation. If you are planning a trip and are thinking of boarding your pet, the following are some things to consider.

Most boarding facilities will require your pet to be current on all vaccinations and may request proof of vaccine history prior to boarding approval. For cats, this includes rabies, distemper, and upper respiratory disease. For dogs, this includes rabies, distemper/parvo, and bordatella vaccines. The bordatella or kennel cough vaccine may not be given routinely if your dog remains close to home, has not previously been boarded, and does not frequent dog parks or dog classes. The kennel cough vaccine should be given a few weeks prior to boarding to allow your dog the time to achieve sufficient immunity levels.

It is important to visit the boarding facility you have chosen prior to dropping your pet off. This will allow the opportunity to see where your pet will be housed, and to voice any questions or concerns you may have about your pet's stay.



K9 Advantix

If your dog spends a lot of time out at the lake, in areas with long grass, or often frequents a dog park, you may have concerns about fleas and ticks during the spring and summer months.

K9 Advantix is a once monthly topical treatment used to control fleas and ticks in dogs 8 weeks of age and older. Advantix liquid is applied easily to the skin in 3-4 spots along the spine between the base of the neck and the mid-back. For maximum absorption the fur in these areas should be parted and the liquid squeezed along a line of exposed skin.

K9 Advantix works to repel and kill ticks before they can attach to your pet which aids in preventing tick borne diseases. Advantix does not work as a heartworm preventative therefore your dog should use Advantix in conjunction with a heartworm medication prescribed by your veterinarian.

