

MCLEOD



VETERINARY HOSPITAL



November 2011

Hospital Hours

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

We would like to remind clients that the hospital will be closed Monday, December 26th, 2011. McLeod Veterinary Hospital wishes everyone a safe and happy holiday!



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

FYI

The Manitoba Veterinary Medical Association by-law 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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Why does my puppy need IV fluids for a routine spay/neuter?



At McLeod Veterinary Hospital we view intravenous fluid administration as a vital part of minor and major surgical procedures. Regardless of age or health status surgical procedures requiring general anesthetic are preceded with administration of an intravenous fluid line. An IV fluid line will help to keep your pet well hydrated throughout surgery as well as maintain blood pressure. This helps to maximize anesthetic safety while also allowing veterinary staff to administer any medications that may be required during the anesthetic process.

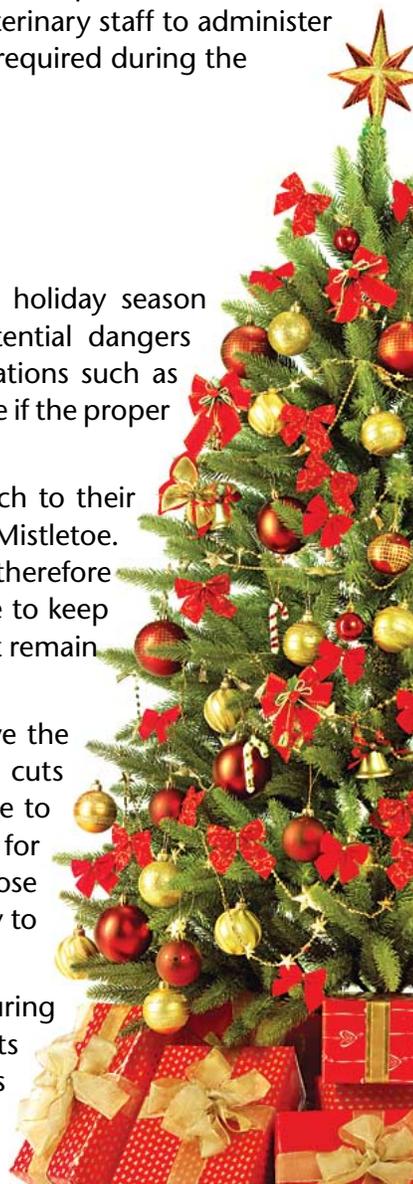
Safety for the Season

When bringing items into your home for the holiday season be sure to take a moment to consider the potential dangers they may pose to your pet. Many holiday decorations such as plants, ornaments, tinsel and ribbons can be trouble if the proper precautions are not taken.

Many homeowners choose to add a festive touch to their home with plants such as Poinsettias, Holly, and Mistletoe. These plants are poisonous to both cats and dogs, therefore if you plan to bring them into your home, be sure to keep them in an area where they can still be enjoyed but remain out of your pet's reach.

Glass ornaments are beautiful however they have the potential to fall off the tree and break, leading to cuts or shards of glass stuck in your pet's paws. Be sure to purchase a Christmas tree stand that is appropriate for the size of tree that you plan to decorate and choose light-weight, plastic ornaments which are less likely to break when dropped.

Tinsel and ribbons remain an ongoing concern during the holidays. They become tempting targets to pets and are often ingested accidentally. These items can ball up on their way through the intestinal tract resulting in harmful blockages.





Meet Peri,

She is a three month old Siamese, lovingly owned by the Bartel family.

McLeod Veterinary Hospital Staff Members

Veterinarians

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

Animal Health Technologists

Barbe Parke
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DON'T EAT THAT!

Chocolate is a tasty treat and one that is often given or received as a gift. It is not uncommon for veterinary hospitals across the city to see cases of chocolate toxicity in dogs throughout the holiday season.

Caffeine and theobromine are the two ingredients in chocolate which make it a harmful snack for your pet. Dark 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.



Brrrrrr...

Winter weather in our province can get pretty chilly! Keep in mind that although your pet may have a fluffy fur coat, they still remain susceptible to the cold. Small dogs, dogs with short coats and elderly pets may be more sensitive to the cold temperatures and not be able to spend long periods of time outdoors.



Be sure to always provide fresh water for dogs outdoors as it can freeze quickly. If you plan to take your dog out for regular exercise, be sure to monitor for signs that they may be getting too cold. Many dogs will show that they are cold by holding up one paw at a time, vocalizing, or pacing back and forth. Jackets, sweaters, and booties can be purchased for dogs of all sizes and can help keep your pooch warm if you feel like going for a brisk walk or may potentially be outside for an extended amount of time.

City Cracks Down On Dog Licensing

As of September 1, 2011 the City of Winnipeg is issuing a zero-tolerance policy on unlicensed dogs. There will be a fine of \$250 for any dog over 6 months of age found unlicensed after the September 1st deadline. The city has made it easier to license your dog by providing licenses on-line, over the phone, and at numerous other purchase locations. Ask your veterinary team how to proceed with getting your dog licensed.

Fun Facts



Approximately 70% of pet owners sign their pet's name on Christmas cards.

An average of 53% of pet owners buys Christmas gifts for their pets.

Fleas, Ticks, and Mosquitoes on Vacation

Travelling with pets during the winter months is an annual occurrence for some families. If you plan to take your pets along on a vacation, keep in mind that warmer areas of the world may be home to fleas, ticks and mosquitoes. Discussing your travel destination with your veterinary team will allow you to come up with a preventative plan to ensure that your pets remain protected along the way.

