

MCLEOD



VETERINARY  
HOSPITAL



Fall 2012

### Hospital Hours

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



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

### Congratulations

Congratulations it's a GIRL!  
Amy, one of our Animal Health Technologists, had a beautiful baby girl named Paige on March 20<sup>th</sup>.

Congratulations Brittini and Rob!  
Brittini, one of our receptionists, married Rob in June. We wish you all the best, in your future together.

### 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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## Important Things to Discuss with Your Veterinarian

At your pet's examination there are things that may be important to communicate to the veterinarian. Consider discussing the following at your pet's annual:

- **Travel:** Your pet may be exposed to other viruses or parasites (internal and external) when outside of our local region.
  - Pets that travel south require heartworm, flea and tick protection.
  - Ensure you make the veterinarian aware if you camp or visit a cabin. Pets that visit Lake of Woods may be exposed to a fatal fungus (Blastomycosis) found in the soil.
- **Life Style:** Does your pet go to the off leash park? Doggy daycare? Flyball? It's important to discuss your pet's life style. Your pet may be exposed to more viruses than others, or may require a higher caloric diet.
- **Nutritional Supplements:** Advise the veterinarian if you supplement your pet's diet with any nutraceuticals or supplements. Certainly also notify the vet if you're treating your pet with any medication.
- **Any concerns:** If you notice any change in appetite, urine or bowel movements, notify the vet. Any changes in behavior, exercise intolerance or any lumps you may have noticed should also be discussed with the veterinarian.
- **Cats that are allowed outdoors** are likely hunters and require routine deworming and vaccines. They are exposed to viruses that could make them ill.
- **Nutrition:** What food are you feeding your pet? Make sure to check the bag or can before the appointment if you don't think you'll remember. Also be sure to discuss all aspects of your pet's diet, including treats, human food or raw food diet.



## Websites

Have you visited our website?

Check out [www.mcleodvet.com](http://www.mcleodvet.com) for useful information about heartworm products and important updates. You will also find useful links, our Herald articles and bios on our staff.

Check out [www.veterinarypartner.com](http://www.veterinarypartner.com). You'll find all kinds of useful information on health issues from veterinary professionals. Finally, a website you can trust!



### Meet Willow

She is a three month old domestic medium hair, lovingly owned by the Shaw family.

### McLeod Veterinary Hospital Staff Members

#### Veterinarians

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

#### Animal Health Technologists

Barbe Parke  
Cindy Sontag  
Amy Weir  
Joëlle Tétreault  
Kaylee Trach

#### Receptionists

Martina Korne  
Brittni Stowe  
Kelly Zelinsky  
Carissa Shaw  
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#### Veterinary Assistants

Rees Buck  
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# Taking Care of Your Rabbit

Rabbits require a lot of care to stay healthy. Many health issues can arise as a result of malnutrition, inappropriate housing and a lack of exercise.

**Housing:** Rabbit cages should be at least 14" high and the size should reflect the size of the rabbit.

- 2-5 lbs – 1.5 square feet
- 5-8 lbs – 3 square feet
- 8-11 lbs – 4 square feet
- 11+ lbs – 5 square feet

The cage should be in an area free from drafts and best where they can interact with family and aren't forgotten about. Rabbits should be allowed out of their cages for about 5 hours a day to allow for appropriate exercise.

Soiled bedding should be removed daily and the cage cleaned weekly. Rabbits can develop infections and scalding to their skin if left in soiled bedding.

A litter box can be placed in their cage to offer a unique area specifically for voiding. Use a pelleted litter to absorb moisture.

**Nutrition:** Rabbits require a high fibre diet. Many commercially available diets are too high in carbohydrates and lead to obesity. Offer a high quality pelleted diet, but in limited quantities (if over 6 months of age).



Body Weight	Daily Recommendation of Pellet Diet
2 – 5 lbs	1/8 cup
5 – 8 lbs	1/4 cup
8 – 11 lbs	1/2 cup
11 – 15 lbs	3/4 cup

Rabbits should be offered unlimited clean, fresh water and Timothy Hay.

Rabbits should be offered a heaping cup of fresh greens a day: consider carrot tops, romaine lettuce, pea pods, green peppers, Brussels sprouts and spinach.

**Dental Care:** Rabbits teeth grow continuously. They require chewing products to help wear down their teeth. Some rabbits have teeth that grow uneven and require routine tooth trims to keep their mouth healthy. If left untreated, rabbits will often stop eating or salivate excessively.

## Don't Forget to Protect Your Pet from Ticks Throughout the Fall Season

We often associate wood ticks with spring. Ticks generally don't like the hot temperatures that we experience during our summer months, but become more active again during the fall season. Ensure you continue a tick prevention medication throughout the fall season. Deer ticks, which are responsible for the spread of Lyme disease, are most active during the fall season.

We carry 2 products that will help reduce wood tick burdens on your pet:

**Advantix:** Is absorbed in your pet's skin and coat. It repels wood ticks. This product can't be used on cats.

**Revolution:** Is absorbed into the bloodstream and requires the wood ticks to collect a blood meal, then kills the ticks within a 24-48 hour period.

If your pet is exposed to wood ticks, you may want to discuss vaccinating for Lyme Disease with your veterinarian.

Did you know that we now test for Lyme Disease and other infectious tick diseases when we run a Heart Worm test?