

MCLEOD



VETERINARY
HOSPITAL



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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!

We are going paperless!

Please be patient with us as we make the transition.

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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Say Cheese?

Praising your pet for a job well done is likely something that you both enjoy. Unfortunately many pet owners turn to human food as a reward for good behaviour or simply to treat their pet to something special. When offered on a regular basis these “treats” may be doing more harm than good for your pet.

What appears to be only a small morsel of food to us may contain a significantly high amount of calories for a dog or cat. Did you know that a single ounce of cheddar cheese given to a ten pound cat is the caloric equivalent of feeding the average woman three and a half hamburgers? Or that one hot dog

fed to a twenty pound dog is equivalent to the average woman consuming three hamburgers?



The truth is that although your pet enjoys these edible rewards, he may equally enjoy some extra pats and attention, playing with a toy, or even a gentle massage! When you still feel that an edible treat is in order try to keep in mind that there are many low-calorie treats that can be given like carrots or apples. Discuss appropriate low calorie treats for your pet with your veterinary team.

*Information provided by Hills Pet Nutrition

Do I Need to Clean my Dog's Ears?

Most dogs will require an ear cleaning at some point in their lifetime, especially after swimming or having a bath. It is important to check your dog's ears on a regular basis to ensure there are no signs of potential infection. Normal, healthy ears should appear clean, dry, and light pink in color. Healthy ears should never have a foul smell. Scratching at the ears, shaking of the head, a foul smell, and a reddened or dirty ear flap are usually good indicators that something is brewing within. If you suspect your dog may have an ear infection, please contact the hospital for an examination.

Our hospital sells a small variety of ear cleaning products to help maintain ear health. Speak to your pet's veterinarian or a member of our health care team to determine how often to clean your dog's ears and which product best suits their individual needs.





Introducing Bonnie

She is the newest member of the Newfield family. Bonnie is a four month old Wire Hair Fox Terrier.

McLeod Veterinary Hospital Staff Members

Veterinarians

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

Animal Health Technologists

- Barbe Parke
- Cindy Sontag
- Amy Weir
- Joëlle Tétréault

Receptionists

- Martina Korne
- Brittini Jensen
- Kelly Zelinsky
- Carissa Shaw
- Ashley Celhar

Veterinary Assistants

- Rees Buck
- Romi Scott
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Feeling Sluggish?

Is your pet having difficulty rising from a sitting position to standing? As our pets age parts of their bodies which used to work well begin to change making previously active animals begin to slow in pace. It is not uncommon for joint problems to arise in older pets, however pet owners often do not realize that there are steps they can take to keep their aging companions comfortable. Although osteoarthritis is not curable, there are products on the market that may aid in relieving some of the symptoms and discomfort associated with the disease.

Our hospital carries nutraceuticals which contain ingredients with anti-inflammatory and joint protection properties. These products can work well alone, or in conjunction with diets and medications prescribed by your pet's veterinarian.

There are diets available in clinics which have been formulated specifically for patients experiencing difficulty with osteoarthritis. These diets are meant for otherwise healthy animals and may not be appropriate for pets with underlying medical conditions. Speak to your pet's veterinarian or a member of our health care team to determine if one of these diets may be suitable for your pet.

There are also medications that may be suitable for animals with moderate to severe osteoarthritis however examination, diagnosis, and further testing may be required before a prescription can be given.

Ticks Times Two?

Many pet owners seeking help for tick prevention are unaware that springtime is not the only time we need to worry about wood ticks. Ticks normally start to appear when the cold winter temperatures disappear and the environment becomes warm and moist. During a warm spring, ticks will emerge earlier than normal, however they are generally active in the months of May and June. A second emergence of these sneaky pests may occur in the fall months when the temperatures drop back down to favorable levels. This usually occurs in September and October.



If you frequent areas where ticks take up residence don't be surprised if you discover one on your pet or even on yourself in the fall months. Remember that if you're using tick prevention for your pet, you will get the best results if you follow your veterinarian's instructions.

Bird Facts

Once heated, Teflon releases toxic gases into the air which are harmful to birds. If you have a pet bird, try to buy frying pans that do not have a Teflon coating.

Newspaper is one of the best liners for bird cages. Birds love shredding newspaper and will often use it as a nesting material. The ink on the paper is made from vegetable oils and is therefore non-toxic.

The bird skeleton is made primarily of pneumatic bones which are filled with air.

Birds do not have sweat glands and cool down by panting.

Paws In Motion a Success!



The annual Paws in Motion walk for the Winnipeg Humane Society was a great success once again! Thank-you to all who participated and/or donated to such a great cause!