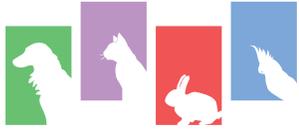


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## VETERINARY HOSPITAL

### Hours:

Monday – Thursday:  
8:00 am – 9:30 pm

Friday:  
8:00 am – 6:00 pm

Saturday & Sunday:  
8:30 am – 3:00 pm



### Vicinity Points

For the past several years we have offered a “thank you” for your patronage by providing a rewards points program, FiveStars (previously Vicinity). This company has recently increased their fees by over 200%. We have made the difficult decision to end this program, as it has become cost prohibitive with the sudden increase in fees.

We understand that we have an obligation to you, our clients, and will honour the points that you have accumulated. We do not wish to end this program abruptly and as such the last day to collect points is Tuesday, June 18, 2019. All points accumulated prior to this date will continue to be honoured.

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Spring 2019

## Acute Pancreatitis in Dogs

Acute Pancreatitis – A sudden onset of inflammation of the pancreas.

The pancreas is a vital organ that is in charge of production and secretion of digestive enzymes. When the pancreas becomes inflamed, digestive enzymes are unable to reach the small intestine as they normally would. The digestive enzymes then become active inside the pancreas, causing an immense amount of pain as the pancreas begins to digest itself.

This painful condition can be caused by obesity, high-fat diets, and ingestion of various toxins. Older and overweight dogs, as well as certain breeds are at highest risk. Dogs who do not generally consume a high-fat diet can be affected by a single high-fat meal or treat.

Weight management is key in all aspects of health, including the prevention of pancreatitis. Preventing access to household kitchen garbage, excessive amounts of table scraps and high-fat treats can also play an important role in prevention.

At risk dogs should be fed a low-fat diet long-term, such as Hill’s I/D Low Fat. I/D Low Fat is specially formulated to be highly digestible and is enriched with prebiotic fibre to promote healthy bacterial microflora and nutrient absorption in the gut.

For more information about acute pancreatitis and prevention, discuss your dog’s pancreatic health with your veterinarian.



## Heartworm Testing



The return of pesky mosquitoes and wood ticks means the time has come to have your dog’s blood tested for heartworm and tick-borne diseases.

Diagnosis of heartworm and tick-borne diseases, including Lyme disease, has become much easier in recent years and requires only a small blood sample from your canine friend. Samples are run in hospital on a daily basis and results are quickly available.

Frequency of testing can vary depending on lifestyle. Dogs with little to no exposure to wood ticks receiving regular monthly heartworm prevention should be tested at least every second year. Dogs with heavy exposure to wood ticks would benefit greatly from yearly testing to ensure that they’re clear of tick-borne infections.

Thankfully, prevention and protection against these deadly diseases are available in various forms. Your veterinary team would be happy to assist you in choosing an appropriate preventative medication to suit your dog’s individual lifestyle.

Contact our veterinary team to schedule your dog’s blood test and discuss prevention options today.

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### McLeod Veterinary Hospital Staff Members

#### Veterinarians

Dr. Robert Newfield  
Dr. Alison Bowles  
Dr. Jason Kellsey  
Dr. Christie-Leigh Capper  
Dr. Emily Martens

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Barbe Parke  
Cindy Sontag  
Amy Weir  
Rhianne Hallows  
Jennifer Peters  
Carolyn Tschernow  
Jackie Elias

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Carissa Shaw  
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## NexGard SPECTRA

### We're excited to introduce NexGard Spectra!

NexGard Spectra combines heartworm, flea, and tick protection in a convenient once-monthly beef flavored chew. These tasty chews are easily administered and safe for dogs with beef allergies as they contain no meat.

NexGard Spectra is indicated for the treatment and control of internal parasites such as; hookworm, roundworm, whipworm, and lungworm, as well as the prevention of heartworm disease. NexGard Spectra also provides rapid treatment of adult fleas and control of future infestations.

Treatment with NexGard Spectra can begin at any time of year and can safely be given without food, at any time of day. Treatment can start as early as 8 weeks of age and has been proven safe for various breeds of dogs.

Contact McLeod Veterinary Hospital today for more information about heartworm, flea, and tick prevention for your canine friend.

## Laser Therapy

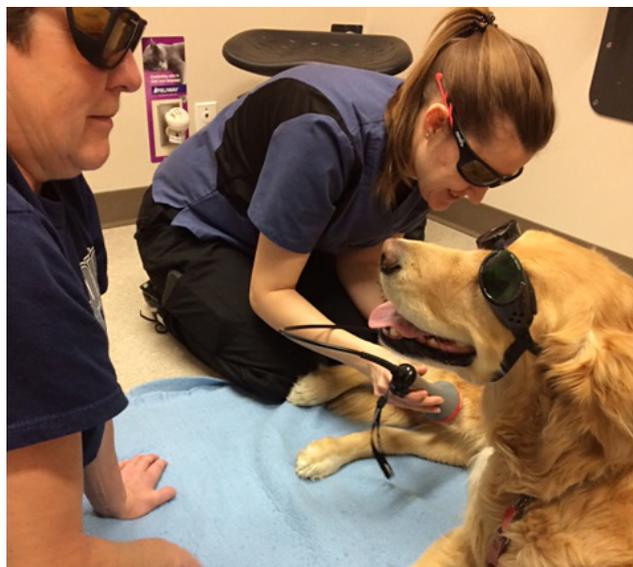
McLeod Veterinary Hospital now offers Laser Therapy.

Laser Therapy provides improved healing time, as well as reduced pain and inflammation, and is beneficial for a variety of conditions. Laser Therapy has become an important tool in providing comfort to our patients suffering from arthritis and soft tissue injuries.

Some of the many conditions which may benefit from laser therapy include, but are not limited to:

- Arthritis
- Sprains, strains, and fractures
- Wound healing
- Dermatitis
- Post-operative management
- Gingivitis
- Inflammatory bowel disease
- Urinary tract disorders

Discuss Laser Therapy and its potential benefits for your pet at your next visit.



## Hills Gastrointestinal Biome

This unique diet is designed to nourish and activate the gut microbiome to aid in digestive health. The gut microbiome is a critical part of the gastrointestinal (GI) system, it's the billions of microorganisms balancing the desirable and undesirable bacteria in the body's GI system. The microbiome has a large influence on the overall health of your pet.

### So, who would benefit?

Dogs and cats with chronic gastrointestinal problems. These GI issues may have been responsive to fibre or antibiotics in the past. We're thrilled to now offer a dietary solution.

Ask your veterinarian or book a nutrition consult today.