

MCLEOD



VETERINARY HOSPITAL



Winter 2012

Hospital Hours

Mon – Thurs 8 am - 6:30 pm
 Friday 8 am - 6:00 pm
 Saturday 8:30 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!

Holiday hours:

December 24th/12 - Open from 8:00am-1pm
 December 25th/12 - Closed
 December 26th/12 - Closed
 December 27th/12 - 8:00am-6:30 pm
 December 28th/12 - 8:00 am-6:00 pm
 December 29th/12 - 8:30 am -1pm
 December 31st/12 - 8:00am-1pm
 January 1st/13 - Closed
 January 2nd/13 - 8:00am-6:30 pm

Congratulations Kelly!

Baby Briella was born on October 3rd. We wish you all the best to you and your family.

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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Off-Leash Park Etiquette

The off-leash park can be a great place to socialize and exercise your pooch. Here are some tips to keep the park a pleasant and safe place.

- Do not take your puppy until FULLY immunized against viruses, this should be around 17 weeks of age. Dogs should also be on an appropriate deworming schedule.
- Do not take a sick dog.
- If your dog becomes agitated/aggressive/threatening with dogs...it may be time to leave.
- Supervise your dog at all times.
- Always bring poop bags and clean up your dog's waste.
- Consider bringing water for your dog, especially during summer months.
- Always bring a leash...you never know when you might need it.

For more information www.kilconaparkdogclub.ca



Do you visit "Dr. Google"?

If your pet is exhibiting signs of illness it's best to have them examined by a veterinarian. There is a lot of false information on the internet, which could be very misleading. If you are interested in learning more about a disease condition or preventative medicine please consider the following websites:

- www.pethealthnetwork.com
- www.veterinarypartner.com

Also check out our website www.mcleodvet.com which offers interesting articles, archived Herald

articles, important links and much more.

Visit us on **Facebook**. We offer contests and prizes. Keep informed on announcements and promotions.

Help us...help you remain informed!

We are now able to email you your pet's exam and vaccine reminders. We have also utilized this great tool to notify you on **important** health issues. Call us today to give us your email address.





Meet Pickles

He is a three month old Sphynx kitten, lovingly owned by The Favell 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
Brittini Stowe
Kelly Zelinsky
Carissa Shaw
Ashley Celhar

Veterinary Assistants

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Celebrating our senior pets

Our goal is to help senior pets live a long and healthy life. We believe in a proactive approach to your pet's health. Our pets age at a much quicker rate than we do. Consider that one year for us is the equivalent of 5-7 years for your pet. Many changes to your pet's health can occur during a short period of time.

For pets 10 years and older we recommend:

- Physical Examination every 6 months: It's important to have your pet's heart, teeth, eyes, joints, muscles and other organs evaluated to ensure a good quality of life.
- Annual Blood Analysis: Senior pets are prone to certain diseases and conditions which can be detected with blood analysis. Early detection and treatment may prolong your pet's life.
- Nutritional Consultation: Senior diets are formulated to address the needs of aging pets. Findings from the physical exam or blood analysis may indicate the need for a therapeutic diet.

This proactive approach to your pet's health can be crucial in improving your pet's quality of life. It's very common for senior cats to develop kidney insufficiencies. Early detection and early treatment can greatly reduce or delay this disease process. Early detection and treatment of osteoarthritis in dogs and cats can greatly improve their quality of life. A therapeutic diet can reduce or eliminate the need for pain relief and nutraceuticals. There are many other medical conditions and diseases that may arise in aging pets and may not cause any obvious symptoms or changes in your pet's attitude.

If you'd like to have your pet examined make an appointment with us today.

Holiday Hazards

During the holiday season many of us decorate our homes and host parties for our relatives and friends. It's important to be aware of items and foods to keep away from our pets. Our pets are creatures of habit and changes in their routine can cause them great stress. If your pet suffers from anxiety with company and visitors, consider speaking with your veterinarian about options to reduce your pet's stress. There may be behavioral modification, pharmaceuticals, nutraceuticals or therapeutic diets that may reduce your pet's anxieties.

Please be cautious with food items, decorations and children's toys. Dogs and cats are curious animals and they may chew or eat items that can be toxic or dangerous to them.

Here are some common holiday hazards to be aware of:

- Poinsettias, Holly and Mistletoe
These plants vary in their toxicity levels; however, they all have the potential to make your pet sick.
- Chocolate, Grapes, Nuts and Onions
Please be careful with all the above food items. Don't assume that because it's gift wrapped your pet won't be interested. Chocolate toxicity is very common during this holiday season. Generally speaking the darker the chocolate the more severe the toxicity.



How can we improve our services?

Visit our reception desk and fill out a client survey.

We'll even give you a bag of dog/cat treats to show our appreciation.