

LOCAL EVENTS

CALENDAR

Pineview Hall Senior's Day

Every Wednesday 10:00am
Pineview Hall, Bendixon Road
963.7427 or 649.8281

Meatloaf In Concert POSTPONED

Wednesday August 4th 7:30pm
CN Centre
www.ticketmaster.ca

Great White In Concert

Friday August 6th 6:30pm
Treasure Cove Show Lounge
561.2421 www.treasurecovehotel.net

Alternate 1st Annual Golf Tournament

Saturday August 7th 1pm \$35/person
Aspen Grove Golf Course
963.9840 for tickets

Dogs Days of Summer Sale

Saturday August 7th
Come out and support downtown PG
Local Participating Businesses

The Razzle Dazzle Do

Saturday August 7th 5:00pm
Sweder Berry Farm
330.4494

98th Annual PGX

Wednesday Aug 11th to Sunday Aug 15th
PG Exhibition Grounds 10:00am
www.pg-x.com

Biggest Loser Walks

August 10th 17th and 24th 7:00pm
See pg 2 for walk schedule
963.9898 www.murdochvet.com

equine dental health month

COMING THIS SEPTEMBER...

ELBOW DEEP IN TEETH...

Like humans, horses acquire 2 sets of teeth in their lifetime. Baby teeth, also known as milk teeth, are replaced with adult teeth, usually by age 5. Horses may have 36 to 44 teeth that continuously grow until they reach 25-30 years of age. Horses lower their head to bite grass and other forage with their front 12 incisors; and raise their head to grind their feed with their back 24 premolars/molars. In between the back & front 36 teeth, they may have up to 4 canines and 4 wolf teeth to total 44.

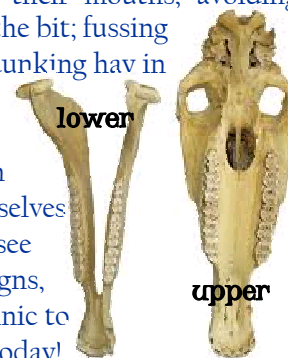
TAKE A BITE OUTTA DOMESTIC LIFE...

In the mouth of the horse, the upper jaw is wider than the lower jaw (see image). Their jaws are uniquely designed so that their upper teeth can rotate in a circular motion over their lower teeth in order to tear through fibrous plants and shrubs. In the wild, this offset is essential for grinding. In a domestic environment, this offset can prove to be problematic. Why? Wild grasses are more fibrous (shrubs, fescue, rye etc) and contain silica, which is an abrasive that wears down tooth surfaces. Low fibre domestic diets such as alfalfa are less abrasive, need less grinding and require an unnatural chew pattern. This may result in uneven wear; cause sharp surfaces, pressure on the teeth and even tooth loss.

"Float" is a broad term used for the act of filing teeth. It is also the name of the manual and powered hand tool used in performing equine dental services. The jaw of a horse is very deep (past the elbow of your veterinarian) therefore sedation is required in order to place an oral speculum on their mouth (to hold it open) and reach all the way to the back of their teeth with the float tool. Other tools (picks, probes, forceps, rongeurs etc) are also used for things such as extraction, removing caps, loose teeth, plaque etc.

TIS THE SEASON FOR A FLOAT...

Preventive dental care is the most valuable way to avert problems for your horse in the future. Animals with prevailing dental problems will show several symptoms. Some are harder to observe than others. Signs may include thin body condition; salivation while chewing; eating slowly and with great effort; dropping half chewed food (such as grain) from their mouths; avoiding contact with the bit; fussing with the bit; dunking hay in their water; tossing their head; and even carrying themselves poorly. If you see any of these signs, contact the clinic to book a float today!



keep us posted

It is very important to keep your veterinarian updated with your most current contact information. Just as you would contact your family doctor to provide any changes (address, phone number etc) we ask that you do the same for us ☺

It is important that we have your most current information in order to:

- send out vaccination reminders
- stay current on your pet's health
- follow up with you as needed
- provide information to your kennel
- request info on your behalf etc...

stay inspired

"We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, therefore, is not an act but a habit" - Aristotle

"A failure is a man who has blundered but is not able to cash in on the experience" - Elbert Hubbard

"You cannot dream yourself into a character; you must hammer and forge yourself one" - Henry David Thoreau

"Our ideas, like orange plants, spread out in proportion to the size of the box which imprisons the roots" - Edward Bulwer Lytton

What's Happenin at Murdoch Vet Clinic...

equine dental health month coming this september...

Lack of growing fibrous forage (summer prairie & Bermuda grasses and shrubs etc) can cause teeth to wear unevenly and contribute to digestive issues. Low fibre, high fructan grass/hay such as alfalfa and timothy contain less silica, require less grinding & often cause unnatural jaw movement; making dental care extremely important! We fill up very quickly so be sure to call and book in advance ☺

exciting biggest loser updates

August is our final month of the challenge and we will be wrapping up on the 24th ☺ The walks have been very social and rewarding for humans and dogs alike!! Hope to see you next year...

WE WELCOME EVERYONE ON OUR WALKS (subject to change):

August 3rd Forests for the World

August 17th LC Gunn Park

August 10th McMillan Park

August 24th Final weigh in

Manager's Message...

"Nothing can stop the man with the right mental attitude from achieving his goal; nothing on earth can help the man with the wrong mental attitude." - Thomas Jefferson

IF YOU LIKE HORSES AND HORSE RELATED ACTIVITIES... YOU MAY BE INTERESTED IN...

Red Rock/Stoner Volunteer Fire Dept Association Horse Poker Ride on September 12th at River's Edge Ranch, Merton Rd. First rider out at 10:00am, last rider out at 11:30. \$25 per hand 250.330.4446 Fran for more information

Martin Black Colt Starting and Horsemanship Clinic in Dawson Creek September 10th to 12th at the Old Baldy Ranch! Martin started Pleasantly Perfect (racehorse, \$10,000 stud fee) and Smart Little Scoot (top cutting horse, \$7,500 stud fee); earned over \$75,000 in Stock Horse, NRCHA, roping, saddle bronc and camp drafting competitions; scored in the top 10 in the Worlds Greatest Horseman 3yrs in a row and won the Trainers Challenge at the 2009 Mane Event. For more info visit www.martinblack.net email for clinic information oldbaldy@neonet.bc.ca or call Colleen 250.843.7337

Jonathan Field Advanced Course I Horsemanship Clinic in Prince George October 1st to 3rd at the AgriPlex. For more info visit www.jonathanfield.net or call Kyla to register 250.996.8026

What you might like to know about "OMEGA-3 FATTY ACID SUPPLEMENTS FOR PETS"

If you were lucky enough to have a mother as nurturing as mine, you have heard those dreaded words, "take your cod liver oil!" If your mother showed you any mercy at all, she had gel capsules instead of oil from a bottle (which I was forced to swallow... lol!!) ☺

Fish oils remind me of the Buckley's tagline, "it tastes awful, but it works!" Research has been telling us for decades to consume foods (such as fish) high in omega fatty acids. Fish oil is packed with DHA and EPA (Omega-3's) as well Vitamins A & D. You can also find ALA (type of Omega-3) in walnuts, flax seed, soybean and canola oils. Omega's are directly linked to heart health; cancer prevention and treatment; lowering cholesterol; easing anxiety and depression; building immunity; regulating diabetes; decreasing inflammation and arthritis; promoting weight loss;

increasing fertility; treating skin conditions such as acne and more!! Animals receive the same benefits from fish oils that humans do. Animals suffer sensitive, dry, cracked and/ or irritated skin too and not only do these oils increase overall health; they also improve skin conditions (including psoriasis).

How?? Well, simply put, fish oils prevent inflammatory agents in the body (more prevalent in some individuals) from irritating the skin. They also help reduce the loss of moisture, which in our cold dry winter climate is very important, especially for certain breeds and animals spending a majority of their time outdoors. Nutritional scientists recommend consuming oily fish such as salmon (farmed or wild). If you are worried about farmed salmon, tests show that chemical content is far below FDA safety levels!

RETAIL AND SPECIAL ORDER SECTION...

- ◇ Variety of medicated & non-medicated shampoo for allergies and sensitive skin great for dogs as well as horses
- ◇ Omega-3 Fatty Acid Supplements for dogs, cats and horses
- ◇ Veto Equine Fly Spray & Ecto Spray help with those pesky flies & mosquitoes
- ◇ Horse Dewormer Quest & Quest Plus, Eqvalan & Eqvalan Gold, Panacur, Exodus

- ◇ MediCal Royal Canin, Hill's Prescription Diets and Treats
- ◇ Pill Pockets & Pill Poppers help ease administration of medication
- ◇ VetLink Ear Cleaner help stay on top of bacteria and yeast
- ◇ Toothbrushes, Toothpaste & Breathalyser
- ◇ Toe Nail Trimmers & Bloodstop powder for those 'oops' trims
- ◇ Pawguard lanolin rub for dry, cracked paws & elbows ☺

Browse our animal companion catalogue and order any items you see. Please allow 2-4 business days for delivery!

Closed. Monday September 6th ~ Monday October 11th ~ Thursday November 11th

DID YOU KNOW...

ALSO CALLED THE SEA COW, THERE ARE ONLY JUST OVER 3000 MANATEES IN THE WORLD & FEMALES ARE LARGER THAN MALES ☺

DR. CHRISTINE MURDOCH, Owner & Veterinarian
KELLY-ANNE H, Office Manager
MEGAN M, Technician Assistant
CHANDRA M, Administrative Assistant

DR. JODYNE GREEN, Associate Veterinarian
KELLY M, Registered Animal Health Technician
KACIE H, Veterinary Assistant
KAYDEN H, Kennel Attendant

DR. B VEALE & DR. J PATERSON, Locum Veterinarians
KRISTY J, Registered Animal Health Technician
SHANNON C, Administrative Assistant
SHELDON G, Kennel Attendant and Volunteer