

LOCAL EVENTS CALENDAR

Prairie Oyster In Concert

Tuesday June 3rd 7:30pm

Prince George Playhouse

Contact Ticketmaster

Prince George Forest Expo

June 5th to June 7th 9:00am to 5:00pm

CN Centre

info@forestexpo.bc.ca

Artists In the Park

Sunday June 8th 10:00am to 5:00pm

Fort George Park

Nicholas Sims 612.1327 for info

PG Show N' Shine

Sunday June 15th 10:00am to 4:00pm

Downtown Prince George

Laurie Kerr 614.1330 for information

Farm Power for Fathers Day

Sunday June 15th

Huble Homestead/Giscome Portage

564.7033 for more information

2nd Annual Railway Blues Festival

Saturday June 21st \$49 inc GST

Railway and Forestry Museum

964.3321 or 563.7351 for info

Prince George Farmer's Market

Sunday June 28th 8:30am to 2:00pm

Wilson Square, George St. & 3rd Ave

info@farmersmarketpg.ca

HELPFUL TIPS ON CRATE TRAINING YOUR CANINE...

Choosing the 'perfect fit' for your dog is very important when preparing for crate training. There should be plenty of room for the dog to stand up and turn around comfortably but not so much room as to take away from cozy den-like surroundings.

Dogs of any age may be crate trained, from young puppies to seniors. Note that length of time must be considered as a younger dog is not physically able to 'hold' himself as long as an adult and is likely to soil in a shorter period of time. Soiling causes distress as dogs are innately very clean and do not soil close to their environment.

Introducing your puppy or dog to their crate should be fun and positive. The crate is not a disciplinary tool, rather a place of safety and security...

- Introduce the dog by leaving the crate door open and tossing a treat or two inside to encourage their entering the crate freely
- Once comfortable going in and out, close the door for 10-15 mins, repeat this several times in a day
- Avoid paying attention or letting them out if whimpering or crying
- Once the dog is settled and quiet, open the door calmly
- Practice leaving for short periods of time while they are crated, go outside or to another part of the house where they can't hear you
- Remember that although crate training can create a happier and healthier relationship, it may not solve all problematic behaviors

PREPARE FOR THE GOOD OL' DOG DAYS OF SUMMER

The heat is on and so is the everlasting subject of how much is too much for your pets during the hot summer months. We do have somewhat of an advantage on places such as the Okanagan and the Kootenays as the temperature they awaken to is our afternoon high ☺

Heat exhaustion is more common than one might think. When panting fails to reduce body temperature, heat stroke ensues. This can occur in your own back yard. Signs include heavy panting, rapid breathing, salivation, fatigue, muscle tremors and staggering.

Dehydration and blood thickening occurs when chemical reactions break down the body's cells. Intense heat puts strain on the heart, causing blood clotting and tissue demise.

Normal canine temperature ranges between 101°F and 102°F. Reaching temperatures as high as 106°F may cause organ and brain damage and even death.

Dogs are also susceptible to sunburns, something we don't often think of. Shorthaired breeds are at a higher risk. Shade should be made available at all times. If there is no natural shade in your yard, build a shelter so that your pets can seek reprieve.

If you exercise your dog regularly by walking or some other type of activity, do so in the early mornings or late evenings to avoid the hot pavement and mid-afternoon sun.

A good method of measurement is that if it is too hot for your bare feet, it is too hot for the pads of your dog's feet and they may burn. Remember to bring plenty of water and stop often to provide refreshment.

If you notice any of the signs of heat stroke as listed in the previous column, immediately take the dog to a cool environment. Wrap them in a cool towel, provide small amounts of water and contact your veterinarian as soon as possible. Enjoy the sun ☺

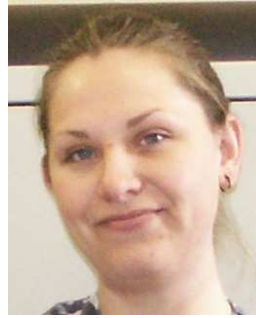
Murdoch Welcomes...

Nikki Willier joined our team on May 16th, taking over for Mikayla, as the new Administrative Assistant. Nikki is new to the Prince George area and lives with her husband and Miniature Pinscher named Kenya. She enjoys white water rafting, camping, boating and hiking. Nikki has completed 3 years of her Bachelor of Arts degree and recently received her Medical Office Assistant certificate. She loves animals, people and is looking forward to meeting our dedicated clientele ☺

Charles Rochette will be joining us for two months this summer. He has completed his second year in his Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Montreal. Charles completed a 1 year internship program Lyon, France and is looking forward to seeing this beautiful part of BC ☺

Manager's Message...

What are you planning to do with your summer? Horseback riding, camping, hunting, swimming, golfing, quading... Whatever your hobby, enjoy yourself and remember the sunblock! Originally from the Okanagan, I enjoy the sun and have never been bothered much by direct sunlight. So little in fact that I don't wear sunscreen. However, after only a couple of hours working in the sun last weekend, I burned enough to receive small blisters. Ouch. Where's our ozone?



After a year and a half with the clinic, Kebrina will soon be leaving us to join Mikayla in New Zealand. She's been an excellent technician, good friend to her colleagues and source of cheerfulness in the clinic. Kebrina's interest in her patients is unparalleled. She is quick to offer ideas and suggestions for improvement, believes that laughter is the best medicine and has acted as a leader for those around her. Good luck in your travels Kebrina, send postcards from afar ☺

What you might like to know about "Parasites" in horses: The age old question surrounding horses seems to be what type of parasites do they carry, what should I do to get rid of them and when should I do it? There are several products on the market that claim to be the best and 'get' rid of the most. First it's important to know the most common types of parasites, which are tapeworms, ascarids/roundworms, bots, hairworms, intestinal threadworms, large strongyles, lungworms, neck threadworms, pinworms, small strongyles and stomach worms (depending on where you live). It's seems like an alarming amount of parasites to be living in an animal but don't panic, not all horses carry every parasite on the list and many carry only few. Depending on the environment that your horse lives in, you may face a range of parasites that others might not. Speaking to your veterinarian about which dewormer and annual cycle you should be following is the best solution. When and what to deworm with depends on numerous factors such as whether or not your horse is in a small paddock, large field, with or without other horses etc. Be sure to research the information about the parasites living in your area and speak with your vet about their recommendations.

VISIT OUR RETAIL SECTION FOR...

MediCal, Royal Canin and Hill's Prescription diets
Toothbrushes and Toothpaste for your dental needs
Pill Poppers for regular administration of medication
Leashes, Collars and Halti's
Seat Belts for your pet's safety when travelling

Hypoallergenic Dog & Cat Treats no more itching☺
Toe Nail Clippers and Bloodstop powder for those close clips
Horse Dewormer Quest Plus, Quest, Eqvalan, Panacur & more
Oatmeal Shampoo great for sensitive skin
Breathalyser water additive for cats & dog

...IF WE DON'T HAVE WHAT YOU NEED - JUST ASK!

Holiday Closures: Tuesday July 1st Monday August 4th Monday September 1st

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