

LOCAL EVENTS CALENDAR

Music Bingo / Tunes Trivia

Wednesdays / Saturdays 8:00pm
963.8134 Bonnet Hill Pub

Loverboy in Concert

Thursday February 5th 7:30pm
CN Centre
614.9100 or www.ticketmaster.ca

Mr. Prince George Pageant

Friday February 6th 7:00pm
Coast Inn of the North
564.3737 or info@snowdaze.ca

Pineview Snow Frolics

Dance February 13th / Frolics 14th to 22nd
Pineview Hall / Malcolm McLeod Park
963.7056 or 963.8214

Over the Line (OTL) Snowball

February 14th & 15th Games @ 8:00am
Dillman's Field Hwy 16W
562.6834 or dianekjorven@telus.net

OTL Dinner & Dance

Friday February 14th 6:30pm
Roll-A-Dome
562.6834 or dianekjorven@telus.net

The Gong Show

Friday February 20th 7:00pm
Treasure Cove Casino & Hotel
564.3737 or 564.4605

Gala and Silent Auction Dinner

Saturday February 28th 6:15pm
Ramada Hotel
564.0707 Annie

Glenn Stewart Natural Horsemanship

Spectate/participate in Demo and Clinics
PG AgriPlex March 27th to 31st
649.8838 or 961.4079

IT'S SMALL ANIMAL DENTAL HEALTH MONTH...

What do you know about oral health and its affect on overall health? Oral disease or dental decline begins with a build up of bacteria in the mouth. Bacteria mixed with food debris and saliva causes plaque. Plaque turns to tartar as bacteria grow and calcium salts are deposited. Bad breath is usually the first sign of the disease along with a change in eating or chewing habits.

70% of cats and 80% of dogs begin to show signs of oral disease by age 3. We can attribute this to many reasons such as domestication, poor quality pet food and unnatural diet or a combination of several factors. Without ever knowing for certain the cause, our best solution is to provide regular dental care.

Periodontal disease is a common problem affecting the supporting tissues and structures of the teeth. The disease is painful, causes tooth loss, dysfunction and systemic complications (heart, liver and kidney damage occurs as bacteria enter the bloodstream via the gums.

Domestic cats experience oral disease and develop painful lesions in their mouth known as resorptive lesions. If your cat or dog is an aggressive chewer or lives mostly outdoors, they may be at risk for broken teeth.

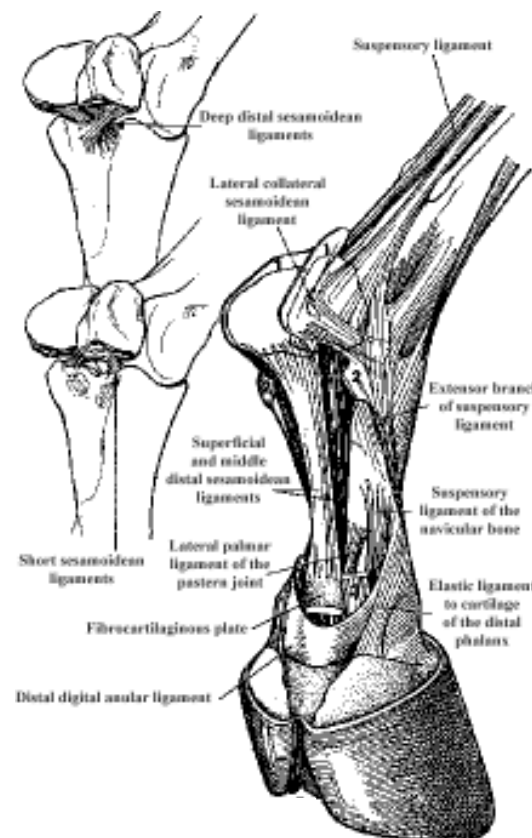
Hard objects such as rocks and cow hooves can be detrimental to aggressive chewers. A broken tooth risks root exposure and eventual rot, not to mention extreme pain.

Fear no more because we are here to help! Receive a FREE dental exam this February and receive 15% off our dental services.

Book a dentistry and also receive:

- FREE bag of MediCal Dental food
- FREE bag of Hill's t/d food
- FREE toothbrush and toothpaste
- Dental Report Card for your pet
- Photo in our monthly newsletter

Photo on the left to correspond with the navicular article on page 2 under the "what you might like to know about" column



OVER THE WHAT???

You've heard about it... You may have even seen it a time or two... Or maybe you were one of the brave ones who suited up, dared to face the elements and joined a team...

Over the Line (OTL) Snowball is Prince George's craziest ballgame! Dozens of teams (consisting of 4 members) take part in this annual event happening every February in Dillman's field.

Snow Daze is a flurry of activity providing the community with festivities and excitement during PG's cold months. OTL is just one event of many that are part of the Snow Daze Winter Festival. Don't miss out on the fun ☺

What's New at Murdoch Vet Clinic...

PAW GUARD ... made of plant based oils, lanolin and unbleached beeswax, Paw Guard is a water resistant lubricant designed to provide a barrier for your dog's paws from the elements. It prevents snow build up and burning from ice and salt, protects from hot pavement, rough terrain and irritating surfaces. Not harmful if licked off, will not stain floors and carpets, portable, easy and convenient to use!

PET WIPES ... another innovation by Earth Friendly Products made with aloe vera and vitamin E. Pet Wipes clean, deodorize and reduce dander on your pet. Contains organic moisturizers and conditioners including Jojoba oil and Wheat Germ oil. Pet Wipes not only smell really nice but are great for removing dirt, reducing hairballs and prolonging the time required between baths!

Manager's Message...

Welcome to 2009! It seems to me that less and less of us are assembling our new year's resolutions. Are we tiring of endless promises and tedious, mind numbing pledges of self improvement? But... If we fail to disclose our resolutions, who is going to encourage us and ensure we accomplish those things that need accomplishing? Bring on friends and family! I've resolved to keep my mind sharp, my heart open and instead of settling for the road less travelled, beating down my own path! May your year be everything you resolved it to be. Cheers ☺

THE BLONDE AND THE SHEPHERD...

A blonde, tired of all the blonde jokes, decided to dye her hair brown. On a drive out in the country, she came upon a shepherd herding his sheep across the road. "If I guess how many sheep there are, can I keep one?" she asked him. "Sure," he replied. Out of the blue, she blurted out, "352!"

Stunned that she got it right, he kept his word and allowed her to pick out a sheep. She looked and looked and looked and finally picked out the cutest one. The Shepherd then asked her, "If I guess what color your hair really is, can I have my dog back!"

What you might like to know about "Navicular Syndrome" Navicular syndrome/disease was coined on the idea that equine foot pain must be directly related to the navicular bone/area in the horse. Veterinarians are now more appropriately referring to "navicular" as **caudal heel pain** due to a variety of problems associated with the foot not necessarily restricted to the navicular region. Although diagnostics have advanced significantly, heel lameness and pain associated with the navicular apparatus (navicular bone, collateral sesamoidean ligaments (CSL), distal sesamoidean impar ligament (DSIL), navicular bursa, deep digital flexor tendon (DDFT) and distal digital annular ligament) of the foot is still poorly understood. The advancement of diagnostics through CT scans, MRIs, ultrasound, scintigraphy, x-rays and nerve blocks has allowed professionals to more effectively localize the source of pain in chronically lame horses and treat specific problems associated with heel pain. As an owner, identifying lameness is often much simpler than identifying the specific location of the lameness, which can lead to misdiagnosis and ineffective treatment of the problem. It is imperative to contact your veterinarian as well as your farrier upon the onset of any lameness as your farrier is able to identify pain from a misplaced shoe or foot abscess and your doctor is able to identify pain requiring proper diagnosis and effective treatment. See photo on page 1 for a list of structures of the foot.

DID YOU KNOW THAT WE CARRY...

Oatmeal and Aloe Shampoo great for dogs and horses
Stain & Odor Remover for removal of those tough smells & spots
Pill Poppers and Pill Pockets ease the administration of medication
Pet Wipes for your regular dirty dog ☺ and cat
Horse Dewormer Quest Plus, Quest, Equalan, Panacur & more
Leashes and Collars, Halti's and Seat Belts for your pet's safety

MediCal Royal Canin and Hill's Prescription Diets
Hypoallergenic Dog & Cat Treats we have free samples☺
Breathalyser water additive for bad breath
Toothbrushes and Toothpaste for your pet's dental needs
Ear Cleaning Solution for those avid swimmers
Toe Nail Trimmers and Bloodstop powder for those 'oops' trims

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

Closed: Friday April 10th ~ Monday May 18th

DR. CHRISTINE MURDOCH, Owner & Veterinarian
DR. JODYNE GREEN, Associate Veterinarian
KELLY-ANNE H, Office Manager
NIKKI W, Administrative Assistant
SHANNON C, Administrative Assistant

KELLY M, Registered Animal Health Technician
KRISTY J, Registered Animal Health Technician
KACIE H, Veterinary Assistant
NAVKARAN B, Veterinary and Technician Assistant
ALEXYS C, Kennel Attendant

DID YOU KNOW...? The majority of cat breeds do not have any eyelashes ☺

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