

LOCAL EVENTS CALENDAR

Music Bingo/Tunes Trivia

Wednesday Evenings 8:00pm

Come out & play for your chance to win!

963.8134 Bonnet Hill Pub

PGCOC President's Gala & Auction

Saturday June 6th 6:00pm

Ramada Hotel

562.2454 www.pgchamber.bc.ca

2nd Annual Healthy Kids Day

Sunday June 7th 8:00am forward

5km 10km and Half Marathon

YMCA of Prince George

562-9341 www.pgymca.bc.ca

A Program For the Times Seminar

Thursday June 11th 7:30am to 11:00am

Featuring Roy Osing

Ramada Hotel

562.2454 bedifferentorbedead.com

Cycle Logic Road Race 2

Saturday June 13th 10:00am to 10:25

Blackburn Community Hall

www.pgcyclingclub.ca

Artists In the Park

Sunday June 14th

Fort George Park

612.1327 www.thepulse.ca

Koops Classic Road Race

Sunday June 21st 9:30am to 9:55am

Purden Lake Resort

www.pgcyclingclub.ca

PRHA Ride N' Slide

June 18th to 21st

PG AgriPlex

Barb 981.4265 for more information

PLANNING FOR SUCCESS WHEN BREEDING YOUR MARE

Planning to breed your mare this spring or summer? Is this her first time being bred? Are you prepared to invest time, finances and energy?

One of the most important decisions you will make is finding a suitable stallion. It is important to look for solid temperament and physical ability. You may also question the outcome of his previous breeding seasons.

Many factors affect pregnancy including age, environment, stress, medications and even pain. The older the mare, the more difficult it may be for her to "catch." Fertility begins to decrease at 13-14 years and your mare may begin to cycle irregularly. She may also have issues with her cervix not opening efficiently due to lack of use.

Whether you plan to breed naturally (pasture), hand assisted or by artificial insemination (AI), it is important to keep reproductive history, including

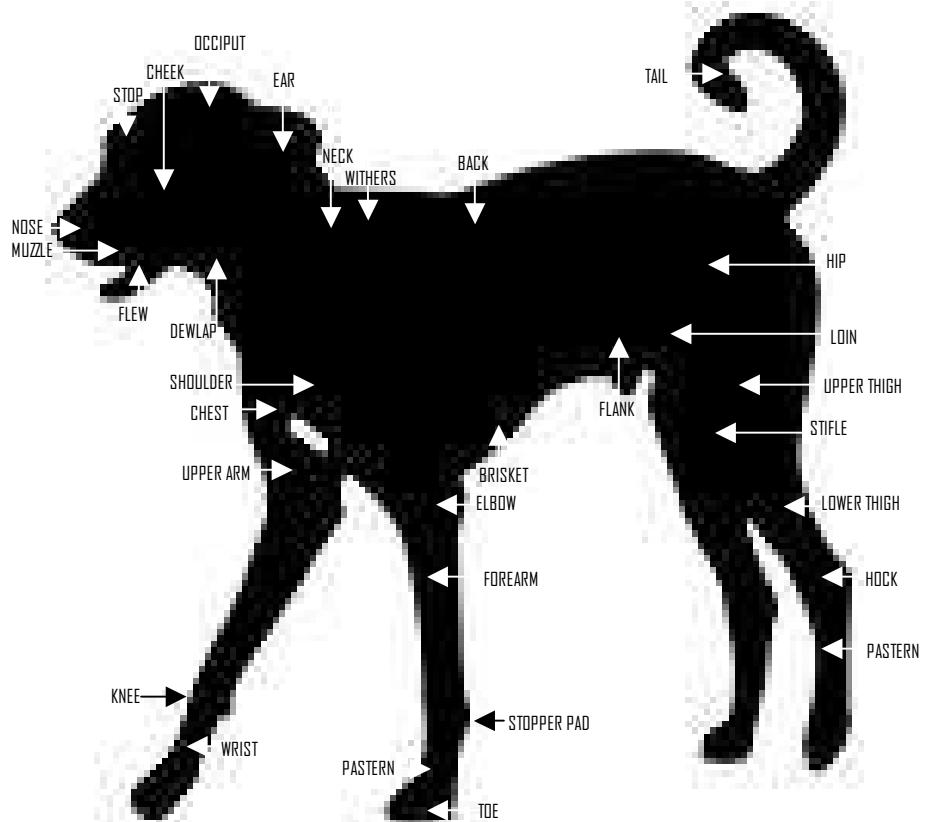
ultrasound evaluations. Ultrasounds, cultures, biopsies and rectal exams aid in ensuring the absence of foreign bodies, fluid or adhesions in the uterus or vaginal discharge that may be indicative of infection or any other impeding situation.

Understanding risk associated with certain breeds is very important when choosing both mare and stallion: Conditions including Hyperkalemic Periodic Paralysis (HYPP) found in Quarter Horses or Overo Lethal White Syndrome (OLWS) found in Paints and pintos can be deadly and hamper the genetic success of the breed.

A few facts to consider before selecting breeding over purchasing:

- Live foal survival rates: 50% to 85%
- 16% to 17% of mares diagnosed pregnant will not produce a foal
- 60% of mares will lose their foal within the first month

PARTS OF YOUR DOG YOU MAY HAVE NEVER KNOWN...



What's Happenin at Murdoch Vet Clinic...

BIGGEST LOSER UPDATES

This week's winner... MACIE! Macie is a 7yr old Lab x Springer Spaniel who loves the water but is afraid to swim and loves the rain but is afraid of thunder ☺ Macie has welcomed dozens of SPCA foster pets into her home with a friendly attitude and open heart. She lives with two French Bulldogs, two long-haired cats, her owner Wendy and 14 year old daughter Brianna...

Manager's Message...

A story of any lost animal tears at my heartstrings...! When I came upon Rosie's story, tears welled in my eyes and my heart hurt deeply for her owner. Rosie's appeal is without doubt, one of the most well written pleas to come across my desk! It goes like this (get a tissue)...

"Unfortunately, I am unable to post a reward for Rosie's safe return and while I accept sole responsibility for my loss, I know that some may think I get what I deserve. Thus, I can only hope that Rosie is in safe hands. Of course I want her back but am only entitled to know of Rosie's fate - that she is safe, well cared for & loved.



That said I hope beyond hope that I may be graced by the charity of the human heart and will soon have Rosie back in my life. For over 2 years I've poured my heart & soul into Rosie. She has never felt an angry hand, nor has she suffered violence from any source. She is well socialized with other dogs and cats. Rosie loves people but may knock over small children because she gets excited when happy. She wants to sleep in someone's bed and cuddle and lick. Rosie's training is still a work in progress and you will need a pinch collar to walk her. If you have Rosie, know you also have a piece of my heart. Of course, Rosie may have died..... Please help me learn her fate."

Rosie is a dark red brindle Pit Bull with a red/brown nose. She escaped on April 18th from a backyard near 6th and Vancouver. She is 28 months old, spayed and close to 60lbs. She has an ear tattoo reading 1849ABGT. Call us if you or anyone you know has information re: Rosie! May your reward be your generosity in reuniting Ross and Rosie!!!

Happy Birthday Alexys!

Two cows are standing in a field. One says to the other "are you at all worried about Mad Cow Disease?" The other one says "No, doesn't worry me one bit, I'm a horse!"

What you might like to know about "Ultrasound" Ultrasound is "cyclic sound pressure with a frequency greater than the upper limit of human hearing." Ultrasound (u/s) is considered to be a very safe medical procedure without harmful side effects. There are several uses for u/s including **Obstetrics** (heart beat, brain anatomy, spine, fetal verification etc), **Gynecology** (uterus, ovaries), **Abdominal** (liver, gall bladder, kidneys etc), **Vascular** (arteries) and other things such as breast and prostate cancer, heart or cardiac problems, tendon tears and eye conditions. We utilize medical ultrasonography (diagnostic medical imaging technique used for visualization) most often for determination of viable pregnancy and to aid in locating foreign bodies (usually ingested), bladder stones, bladder masses, kidney stones, and organ masses including soft tissue masses such as splenic, enlarged liver or pancreatic. Ultrasound also enables veterinarians to effectively locate the bladder to perform cystocentesis, which is the process of drawing urine from the bladder through the abdomen with use of a needle. Cystocentesis prevents urine from being contaminated with bacteria, cells and debris to provide a more clean and complete diagnosis. The use of u/s has enabled veterinarians to detect pregnancy in horses at as early as 14 days and in dogs as early as 20 days. We have the unique ability to record these ultrasounds to a portable device ☺

DID YOU KNOW THAT WE CARRY...

Oatmeal and Aloe Shampoo great for dogs and horses

Pet Wipes & Stain/Odor Remover remove those tough smells & spots

Pill Poppers and Pill Pockets ease the administration of medication

Small Animal Emergency Kits for safe travelling with your pet

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: Wednesday July 1st and Monday August 3rd

DR. CHRISTINE MURDOCH, Owner & Veterinarian
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KELLY-ANNE H, Office Manager
ASHLEY L, 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 & KAYDEN H, Kennel Attendants

DID YOU KNOW . . . ? The puma (seen in our area) and leopard are the highest jumping mammals, able to reach heights of 16.5ft ☺

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