

LOCAL EVENTS CALENDAR

Music Bingo/Tunes Trivia

Wednesday/Saturday Evenings 8:00pm
Come out & play for your chance to win!
963.8134 Bonnet Hill Pub

The Backyardigans

Wednesday March 18th 7:00pm
CN Centre
614.9100 www.ticketmaster.ca

Natural Horsemanship Demonstration

Friday March 27th 6:30pm
PG AgriPlex ~ Spectators Welcome!
649.8838 or 961.4079

Glenn Stewart Horsemanship Clinic

Stage I Clinic March 28th & 29th
PG AgriPlex ~ Participants Welcome!
961.4079 www.thehorseranch.com

Hart Half Marathon

Sunday April 5th 9:00am
Hart Community Centre Heather Rd
564.6736 www.pgroadrunners.ca

Nitty Gritty Dirt Band In Concert

w/ Amber Nicholson and Appaloosa
Monday April 6th 6:30pm
CN Centre
614.9100 www.nittygritty.com

PGRA Western Weekend

April 10th to 12th 12:00pm to 6:00pm
PG AgriPlex
962.8456 www.pgra-bc.ca

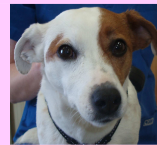
The Harlem Globetrotters

Wednesday April 22nd 7:00pm
CN Centre
614.9100 www.ticketmaster.ca

DENTAL MONTH WAS A REAL MOUTH FULL...!



KENYA W



ROXY R



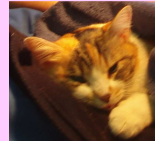
ANNIE T (R)



ROSCOE T (L)



KOKOL



SPOOK F



SADIM



MINNIE MEH



OAKLEY C



MOLLY W



CHLOEN



WINKY R



NOOCAR E



MOUSE W



MANDIM

Thanks to all of our
2009 Dental Month
participants!
(not all shown here)

INTERVERTEBRAL DISK DISEASE (IDD)

Intervertebral Disk Disease is one of the most common disorders in small animals. Disk problems are difficult to diagnose. In addition to radiographs, CT scanners, Myelograms and MRIs can greatly increase the likeliness of a quick and accurate diagnosis!

Intervertebral (IV) disks sit between the vertebrae in the spinal column, acting as cushions. They minimize trauma and shock, allow movement and help connect the spinal column. With age they can lose water content and become less resilient.

Disks are divided into two types: Type I (chondrodystrophoid, also known as dwarfism in humans) is considered developmentally faulty and type II (nonchondrodystrophoid).

Herniations are also divided into two types: type I refers to a large tear allowing an immense amount of matter to escape into the spinal area. This is usually acute. Type II refers to small partial tears, only allowing occasional escapes of matter into the spinal area. This results in bulging (protrusion).

How much is too much? The degree of too much force upon an IV disk depends upon its water properties and degree of elasticity, both of which depend on the type of disk and the changes it undergoes during aging. If the disk cannot withstand the force upon it, three things may occur:

Bulging (protrusion), which causes pressure against the nerves in the spinal column; Squeezing (extrusion), when the outer part of an IV disk ruptures, squeezing the inner part of the disk outward; or Rupture and Separation (sequestration) that occurs when the inner part of the disk is not only squeezed outward but separated from the main disk as well.

Disk herniation may happen to any breed of dog, especially where trauma is involved.

Symptoms of IDD include decreased limb movement and paralysis. Pain can be extensive. If you suspect any type of disk injury in your pet, contact us immediately. The faster the treatment, the better chances of recovery!

NEW AT MURDOCH VET CLINIC... PROFENDER

Never has there been an easier way to deworm! Profender is a topical cat dewormer containing two active ingredients designed to treat and control roundworms, hookworms and tapeworms. Mild depression, loss of

appetite, diarrhea, vomiting and low growth rate in kittens can indicate intestinal parasite problems. Quick, easy and convenient!

Note: For cats and kittens minimum 8wks of age or 2.2lbs (1kg)

What's Happenin at Murdoch Vet Clinic...

WE WANT YOU! Attention all dogs (puppy) & cats (kitten) out there! Still feeling the effects of those extra scraps from x-mas dinner...? Been dreaming of running, playing and feeling energetic again...? Join us for our Biggest Loser competition from May 12th to September 1st 2009. Ask our knowledgeable team members for more information!! See you soon!

Kudos to our Animal Health Technicians for coming up with this great idea! Thanks as well to our team members & superb reps for jumping on board!

the BIGGEST loser

Join us in this 8 week challenge for your chance to:

- Take home your first bag of food for free
- Win weekly pet/people prizes for your hard efforts
- Enjoy the health benefits of being active and healthy

Manager's Message...

No matter what the circumstance might be... It is RARELY as easy as one might think to solve! I'm currently experiencing a situation with one of my dogs for which there is no definitive answer. It is so hard. You could say that I have a first-hand perspective on just how hard our doctors work to figure these things out (and I do ☺) but just let me say... Thank you so much to my team! I work with some of the most caring and wonderful staff a girl could ask for! They have worked so hard for my little buddy and me! Only time will tell... We have our fingers crossed!

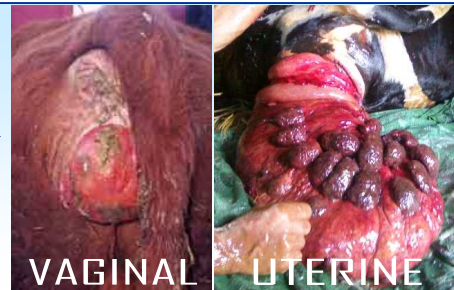
Happy
Birthday
Shannon
& Kelly !

THE THREE (DYSFUNCTIONAL) BEARS...

Mama Bear and Papa Bear were accused of baby bear abuse. Baby Bear is put on the stand and the judge asks him, "Do you wanna live with Papa Bear?" Baby Bear says, "no, he beats me."

"Okay, do you wanna live with Mama Bear then?" the judge asks. "No," Baby Bear replies, "she beats me too." Confused, the Judge finally asks, "well, with whom do you wanna live?" Baby Bear says, "the Chicago Bears, they don't beat anyone!"

What you might like to know about "Uterine Prolapses in Cows" A uterine prolapse is an emergency. Prolapses generally happen during or shortly after calving and often occur with a difficult birth. The uterus is literally pulled through the birth canal with the calf or the afterbirth. The cow can die from shock due to toxin and blood accumulation in the prolapsed uterus. There is also a high incidence of death from shock due to the sudden release of these toxins into the rest of the body once the prolapse is reduced (treated by a veterinarian). Trauma, possible infection and recovery time may lead to longer conceiving times if rebred the following year. When pregnancy checks are made, these cows may not be pregnant or have conceived late. It is our recommendation that these cows be culled. Uterine/vaginal prolapse photos to the right →



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 and 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 . . . ?

If you removed the scent receptors from a dog's nose and laid them out flat, they'd cover an area greater than the dog itself ☺