

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

Montgomery Gentry

Friday May 1st 7:30pm
CN Centre
614.9100 www.ticketmaster.ca

PERHA Spring Slide

Friday May 1st to Sunday May 3rd
PG AgriPlex
Barb 981.4265 for more information

Buckcherry and Papa Roach

Featuring The Trews and Rev Theory
Sunday May 3rd 7:00pm
CN Centre
614.9100 www.ticketmaster.ca

Celtic Thunder

Tuesday May 5th 7:30pm
CN Centre
614.9100 www.ticketmaster.ca

May Day Parade Downtown

Saturday May 9th 11:00am
Dominion and 7th Avenue
561.7660 for more information

PGSS Graduation Ceremony

Friday May 22nd 1:00pm
CN Centre
562.6441 pgss.sd57.bc.ca

The Magic of Sam Pearce!

Monday May 25th 8:00pm
Prince George Playhouse Theatre
800.514.5049 canadianillusionist.com

the BIGGEST loser

the most exciting cat and dog challenge of the year!

JOIN US FOR 8 WEEKS FROM MAY TO SEPTEMBER AND YOU CAN:

- Take home your first bag of food free
- Win bi-weekly prizes for your hard efforts (and your humans too!)
- Spring into an active and healthy lifestyle

WE WANT YOU! MAY 12th to SEPTEMBER 1st

Still feeling the effects of those long winter months indoors...? Has the sunshine and warmer weather put a little *spring* in your step? Have you been dreaming of running, playing and feeling energetic again...?

Ask our knowledgeable team members for more information! It's simple, rewarding and comes chalked with benefits! Join us for the Biggest Loser and put your humans to the test!!!

See you soon!

Kudos to our Animal Health Technicians for coming up with this great idea and dedicating their time to making it a success! Thanks as well to our team members & superb reps for jumping on board!

FAQ'S ABOUT CANINE COUGH AND YOUR DOG

Q. What is Canine (Kennel) Cough?

A. Tracheobronchitis is a highly contagious canine bacterial illness that triggers inflammation of the upper respiratory system

Q. What causes Canine Cough?

A. Caused by airborne organisms or bacterial infections such as Bordetella Bronchiseptica

Q. How is it contracted?

A. Unless your dog never leaves the house and is never exposed to other dogs, s/he could contract the virus at any time. It most often occurs in animal shelters, kennels/boarding facilities, parks, at shows, during classes and in public dog areas

Q. How long do symptoms last?

A. Symptoms are initially seen for 10-20 days and will vary in degree of severity. The bacteria can lead to reduced upper respiratory immunity, leaving your dog susceptible to further infection if untreated or not vaccinated against

Q. What are the symptoms?

A. Harsh, dry hacking or coughing, heaving, sneezing or snorting, retching and gagging or vomiting. Fevers vary from case to case

Q. What do I do if s/he has symptoms?

A. Keep isolated from other dogs until diagnosed and wash your hands frequently to prevent spreading the bacteria. Contact your veterinarian as soon as possible. Canine Cough can also lead to pneumonia

Q. How is it treated?

A. Dependant upon the severity of the symptoms, antibiotics may be prescribed as well as future vaccinations

Q. Can it be prevented?

A. There are several Canine Cough vaccinations available. Vaccinating for parainfluenza along with tracheobronchitis will aid in the prevention of infection and promote overall good health ☺

What's Happenin at Murdoch Vet Clinic...

It is with mixed emotions that we say our so-longs, farewells, good lucks and see-ya-laters to our Admin Assistant, Nikki! After putting in a full year at the clinic, she is leaving PG to head back to her hometown of Kamloops! She has enlightened our team with her fish camp stories and hysterical dance moves ☺ We wish her much luck in her new ventures!



Joining us all the way from the Sunshine Coast is Ashley, as the newest member of our team. Ashley has 3 years prior experience in the veterinary field and is ecstatic to be working with your animals! As the new Administrative Assistant, she is the smiling face you will see when you come in the door! She is excited about living in PG and meeting her neighbors. :)



Manager's Message...

Continued from March/April Newsletter... It has been 10 weeks since my little buddy experienced paralysis in three of his four legs and was unable to move for almost a week. I packed him (literally) to work with me the entire first week and for some time afterward. He lay quietly on the floor at my feet day after day. By week two he had regained a little mobility. By week three he could sort of shuffle around a bit (talk about exhilarating since the recovery success rate for paralysis is low)! After a total of 28 days on medication for pain/inflammation etc and a minimal appetite, he experienced muscle atrophy and lost over eight pounds. He has since found those 8lbs and kind of looks his age now, staggering about with a limp but he's alive and I'll take that! Both Jag and I are infinitely grateful to those around us!! Special kisses for Kristy, Jag's pal and cheerleader ☺ ☺ ☺

Happy
Birthday
Kelly-Anne!

THE DRUMMER...

A tuba player wanted to torture a drummer in his orchestra, so as a joke he hid one of his drumsticks. After searching for several minutes to no avail, the drummer fell to his knees and with an energized wide-eyed expression, flung his arms open and boasted, "Finally! It's a miracle! After all these years, I'm a Conductor!"

What you might like to know about "equine reproduction" A filly (young female horse) is capable of being bred at as early as 10 months of age. The age at which a horse reaches their full size is dependent upon breed so there is no definitive minimum age to breed at; however, a mare should be at her full skeletal size before reproduction is considered. Mares cycle every 19 to 26 days during the spring and summer months and are in heat 2 to 10 days within that time frame. Each mare's duration of heat varies within the cycle but she will be very consistent throughout her cycles. Optimum breeding time is at the end of her heat. It is also suggested to start breeding on day 2 and breed every other day until she no longer accepts the stallion. She will ovulate 24 to 48 hours before the end of her heat cycle (average is the 5th day of her heat). Mares are pregnant for 340 to 342 days (give or take a month). There are several options for consideration after making the decision to breed your mare: You may choose to breed naturally (in a field/pasture); by hand (assisted by humans); or artificially inseminate (using fresh cooled or frozen semen). The method you choose will depend upon the location of the stallion and the age/condition of the mare. If you decide to have your mare artificially inseminated, you will need to contact your veterinarian as soon as possible and set up a pre-breeding exam as well as discuss the details. Although AI is not inexpensive, we have had much success with it and it is a very good choice for older mares that have never been bred or younger mares that have never experienced a stallion.

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: Monday May 18th and Wednesday July 1st

DR. CHRISTINE MURDOCH, Owner & Veterinarian

DR. JODYNE GREEN, Associate Veterinarian

KELLY-ANNE H, Office Manager

ASHLEY L, Administrative Assistant

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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 puma (seen in our area) and leopard are the highest jumping mammals, able to reach heights of 16.5ft ☺

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