

LOCAL EVENTS

CALENDAR

Senior's Day at Pineview Hall

Every Wednesday 10:00am
Pineview Hall
963.7427 or 649.8281

Canadian Homebuilders Home Show

Friday April 30th to Sunday May 2nd
Exhibition Ground Kin Centres
563.3306 homeshow@shawcable.com

Ferndale Community Dance

Saturday May 1st
Ferndale Community Hall
963.

Cancer Society Relay for Life

Saturday May 8th to Sunday May 9th
Masich Place Stadium
564.0885

Gun, Knife & Sporting Goods Show

Saturday May 8th to Sunday May 9th
Exhibition Grounds Kin Centre I
613.0151

Friends of Children Spring Into Summer

Saturday May 8th 7:00pm
Log House Guest Ranch
564.2217

Annual Mother's Day Breakfast

Sunday May 9th 9:00am to 12:00pm
Red Rock/Stoner Volunteer Fire Dept
250.330.4280 messages

Red Rock 2nd Annual ATV Poker Ride

Sunday May 30th 10:00am
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fast facts about coggins testing

Q: What is Coggins?

A: Coggins is a blood test performed by a CFIA accredited veterinarian to rule out Equine Infectious Anemia

Q: What is Equine Infectious Anemia?

A: EIA is a potentially fatal viral disease affecting the immune system of horses, mules and donkeys

Q: How is it spread?

A: Transmission occurs through transfer of blood from one infected animal to another (blood sucking insects, needles, syringes etc)

Q: Can you tell if a horse is infected?

A: Most infected horses show no clinical signs but remain carriers of the virus for life

Q: What signs might be present?

A: Initially horses may show signs of weakness, anorexia, depression, edema and weight loss. In addition you may see loss of coordination, jaundice and/or fever

There is NO CURE for Equine Infectious Anemia! If your horse tests positive, it must be quarantined for life or euthanized!

... and there is NO VACCINE to prevent Equine Infectious Anemia!

Infected animals are a source of infection for other animals. Control of EIA includes euthanasia or lifelong quarantine.

EIA is a reportable disease. All cases must be reported as per the Health of Animals Regulations. Imported horses require mandatory testing and efforts to prevent viral spread are in place.

Precautions can be taken to prevent the spread of infection and include strict hygiene when using needles and syringes, insect control, clean up of manure and standing water, ensure EIA testing in all communal areas (barns, stables, arenas etc) and isolate new horses until they have been tested.

diabetes mellitus in our feline friends

Symptoms of diabetes in cats include excessive eating, drinking, urinating and weight loss. Early diagnosis, nutrition, insulin treatment and monitoring are key elements in a comprehensive treatment plan:

Chance of remission is much greater with earlier diagnosis. Cats having been treated for a long time will likely remain diabetic. Low carbohydrate/high fibre diets have shown fantastic results. Best remission rates have been found with the use of the low carb/high fibre diets, which are also important in preventing /treating obesity.

Insulin treatment must start with a safe dose to not cause hypoglycemia. Regulation may not occur immediately.

Monitoring via clinical signs, blood glucose curves (may be affected by stress, drugs) and fructosamine tests is very important. www.veterinarypartner.com to learn more

bits of this and that... from here & there

"Dogs are the most amazing creatures; they give unconditional love. For me they are the role model for being alive"

-Gilda Radner

"Dogs love their friends and bite their enemies, quite unlike people, who are incapable of pure love and always have to mix love and hate in their object relations"

-Sigmund Freud

"Dog is the only animal in the world who ostensibly likes another breed better than his own. Man." -Ted Patrick

"Acquiring a dog may be the only opportunity a human ever has to choose a relative" -Mordecai Siegal

"Dogs love company. They place it first in their short list of needs" -J.R. Ackerley

"He never makes it his business to inquire whether you are in the right or wrong, never bothers as to whether you are going up or down life's ladder, never asks whether you are rich or poor, silly or wise, sinner or saint. You are his pal. That is enough for him" -Jerome K. Jerome

What's Happenin at Murdoch Vet Clinic...

2nd annual biggest loser challenge starts may 11th

Whether you simply wish to get involved in group walks and take the opportunity to socialize your dog or have been trying really hard to help your pet lose those extra pounds, we welcome you to join us in this year's Biggest Loser challenge! ☺



WALKS PLANNED AS FOLLOWS (subject to change):

May 18th Cottonwood, main entrance
May 25th Moore's Meadow, north end
June 1st Forests for the World, Uni trail
June 8th Ft George Park, Cottonwood
June 15th Moore's Meadow, north end
June 22nd LC Gunn Park
June 29th Cottonwood, main entrance

July 6th Forests for the World, Shane Lk
July 13th Moore's Meadow, north end
July 20th LC Gunn Park
July 27th Ft George Park, Cottonwood
August 3rd Forests for the World
August 10th McMillan Park
August 17th LC Gunn Park

Manager's Message...

"Communication is the heart of life. It is the interchange of ideas between two people or things. Without it we are dead to all..." - L. Ron Hubbard

Happy Birthday Kelly-Anne

... have a wonderful day ☺



If you haven't already dewormed your horses, you will probably be doing so soon. For what seems to be such a simple task, deworming can be challenging (those of you who have had trouble know exactly what I'm talking about). I remember the sheer terror my first "un-dewormable" horse caused me! I had tried every predatorial method I'd been taught to get that deworming tube in her mouth. After years of broken lead ropes and halters, I finally realized my horse didn't have a deworming issue; I had a horse issue! That, along with many other things forced me to see that prey animals do not understand, react or learn the same way predators do. This was the start of my journey to change my traditional, outdated horse methods (20yr old habit) and seek a relationship based on curiosity, restoring dignity, prey/predator understanding, approach and retreat! Check out Clinton Anderson at www.youtube.com/getrotationright to watch a helpful deworming technique (please note that I am recommending this video simply for the technique and not necessarily for the product information) ☺

What you might like to know about "ZOO NOTIC PARASITES & DISEASES"

Wikipedia definition of zoonosis: "... any infectious disease that can be transmitted (in some instances, by a vector) from non-human animals, both wild and domestic, to humans..."

Mosquitoes: West Nile Virus (WNV) causes flu-like symptoms; Eastern (EEE) and Western Encephalomyelitis (WEE) may cause fever, muscle pain, headache, nausea and altered mental status

Deer Ticks: Lyme disease causes fever, lethargy, anorexia, leg lameness, swollen joints and depression

Bodily fluids/aerosol: Ebola virus may cause fever, muscle pain, headache and inflammation of the pharynx; H1N1 may cause fever, sore throat, cough, chills and headache; Influenza A (avian flu) may

cause aching muscles, fever, cough and sore throat; Bordetella bacteria (kennel cough) may cause whooping cough

Uncooked meat and infected cat feces: Toxoplasmosis causes flu-like symptoms and may lead to mental retardation or death

Hookworm: transmitted via skin penetration, causing red, itchy lesions on the skin

Tapeworm: transmitted via ingesting infected fleas or infected, uncooked meat; causing diarrhea, abdominal pain and anal itching

Roundworm: transmitted via ingested eggs through feces in soil or on pets, causing Pneumonia-like symptoms, internal organ damage

Ringworm: fungus transmitted via contact, causes round lesions

DO YOU KNOW ABOUT OUR RETAIL SECTION...?

Oatmeal & Aloe Sensitive Skin Shampoo great for dogs & horses

Stain and Odor Remover remove those tough smells & spots

Pill Pockets & Pill Poppers ease the administration of medication

Small Animal Emergency Kits for safe travelling with your pet

Horse Dewormer Quest Plus, Quest, Equalan, Panacur & more

MediCal Royal Canin and Hill's Prescription Diets

Pawguard effective lanolin rub for dry, cracked paws & elbows ☺

Hypoallergenic Dog Treats

Toothbrushes, Toothpaste & Breathalyser

Ear Cleaning Solution for those avid swimmers

Toe Nail Trimmers & Bloodstop powder for those 'oops' trims

Self Watering Pet Dishes, Equine Fly Spray, Ecto Spray

...WE CAN ORDER NUMEROUS ITEMS, COME IN & SEE OUR CATALOGUE!

Closed: Monday May 24th ~ Thursday July 1st ~ Monday August 2nd

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DID YOU KNOW . . . THERE ARE APPROXIMATELY 40,000 KNOWN SPECIES OF SPIDERS ON THE PLANET (POSSIBLY ONLY 1/3 OF THE ACTUAL NUMBER) ☺

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