

### LOCAL EVENTS CALENDAR

#### Pineview Hall Senior's Day

Every Wednesday 10:00am  
Pineview Hall, Bendixon Road  
963.7427 or 649.8281

#### Martin Black Advanced Horsemanship and Colt Starting Clinic

Friday Sept 10<sup>th</sup> to Sunday Sept 12<sup>th</sup>  
Old Baldy Ranch, Dawson Creek  
250.843.7337 [oldbaldy@neonet.bc.ca](mailto:oldbaldy@neonet.bc.ca)

#### Amanda Self Clinic

Friday Sept 17<sup>th</sup> to Sunday Sept 19<sup>th</sup>  
Willow Gale Equestrian Centre  
963.7014

#### Duane Steele In Concert

Thursday September 23<sup>rd</sup> 7:30pm  
The Alternate Pub, Cummings Road  
963.9840

#### Jonathan Field Horsemanship Video Night

Friday September 24<sup>th</sup> 7:00pm  
Academy of Learning  
250.996.8026 Kyla for more info

#### Laura James Barrel Racing Clinic

Friday Sept 24<sup>th</sup> to Sunday Sept 26<sup>th</sup>  
Nechako Valley Exhibition Grounds  
250.567.8640 for more info

#### Old Baldy Ranch Production Sale

Saturday September 25<sup>th</sup> 1:00pm  
Old Baldy Ranch, Dawson Creek  
250.843.7337 [oldbaldy@neonet.bc.ca](mailto:oldbaldy@neonet.bc.ca)

## equine dental health month

FOR THE ENTIRE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER... WE'LL BE GETTING A MOUTHFUL!!

Equine Dental Health Month is our most popular promotion. I'm not sure who has more fun - me, organizing the goodies for your gift packages and picking out the fabulous grand prize - or you, who gets to take home an awesome package filled with all kinds of various items!

September is a busy month as we see up to 50 horses for floats and other dental services. All clients booking in for a float will be eligible for the grand prize (one entry and one gift package per horse).

We are very fortunate to have support from all of our reps and extend great thanks to each of them, making this a successful promotion: Laura with Boehringer, Jamie with Merial, Jim with Intervet, Yvonne with Vetoquinol, Gord with Pfizer and Joanne with Novartis!

Dental care is often the most overlooked health care service in the animal industry. Just as we suffer from tartar, plaque, bad breath etc, horses suffer from those things as well as broken teeth, uneven wear, ulcers, sharp points, ramps, hooks and various others issues that arise over time.

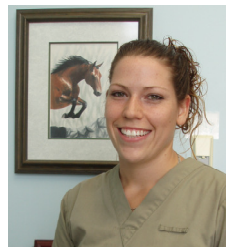
Diet is a key factor in overall health, especially oral health. Horses are continuous grazers, meant to eat small portions over an extended period of time. They are meant to be on the move as they eat to improve digestion and blood flow to their hooves. Horses should be fed in relation to their workload and kept in an area in which they can be on the move.

Book a float today to ensure your horse is comfortable & geared up for winter!

## mvc welcomes joanna to the team

Joanna grew up east of Calgary in a little place called Langdon. She recently moved to BC to be closer to her fiance. The equine industry and large animal work are her passion. Joanna graduated as a Registered Technician in 2009 and has widely studied equine dentistry (in Alberta). She is very excited to be developing her horsemanship skills with Jonathan Field next month and looking forward to advancing her horse

in both reining and cutting. Joanna is also very passionate about canine and equine artificial insemination and brings with her plenty of skill and experience in both areas. Come in and introduce yourself to the newest member of our team ☺



## and... WE HAVE A WINNER!! ☺

CONGRATULATIONS ANGUS!!!

Angus once tipped the scale at 96.8lbs! He registered for the Biggest Loser Challenge in May... today he's an active, energetic running machine *and* much lighter... weighing in at 75.5lbs! "weigh" to go Angus and family for the excellent effort and dedication ☺

If you are interested in the Biggest Loser Challenge or would like to be part of a social walking group, please

contact Kelly or Kristy at the clinic and ensure your name is on our list for next May's challenge!! Hope to see you in the spring!



Angus  
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# What's Happenin at Murdoch Vet Clinic...

celebrating maturity in motion (MiM)...  
here for the month of november!!

Is your dog or cat over the age of 7? If so, the following applies to you: MiM provides your pet with diagnostic testing including ECG, blood work, urine analysis and blood pressure to rule out conditions such as arthritis, diabetes, endocrine disease, liver and kidney disease, heart abnormalities, urinary problems and more! Book a wellness exam for your senior pet during the month of November and save 20%... You'll also receive a free bag of doctor recommended food and your pet's photo in our monthly newsletter ☺

## Manager's Message...

"Our ideas, like orange plants, spread out in proportion to the size of the box which imprisons the roots" -  
Edward Bulwer Lytton

IF YOU LIKE HORSES AND HORSE RELATED ACTIVITIES... YOU MAY BE INTERESTED IN...

**Old Baldy Ranch Annual Production Sale** in Dawson Creek September 25<sup>th</sup>. Quarter Horses bred for temperament, color and conformation! For more info 250.843.7337 or oldbaldy@neonet.bc.ca

**Jonathan Field Advanced Course I Horsemanship Clinic** in Prince George October 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> at the AgriPlex. For more info visit [www.jonathanfield.net](http://www.jonathanfield.net), email Kyla at [khas\\_tan@hotmail.com](mailto:khas_tan@hotmail.com) or call to register 250.996.8026. Want to learn more about natural horsemanship and Jonathan Field...? Come out and meet Kyla's when she hosts the JF video night (see Calendar of Events) and watch Jonathan in action on the big screen ☺

## What you might like to know about "FELINE SENIOR WELLNESS"

Have you ever asked yourself, "just how old is old?" What is old to us (humans) is different that what is old to our dogs and even different than what is old to our cats! Cats often live well into their late teens, we've even seen a few cats in their twenties ☺ Ensuring your pets' health and comfort is our utmost priority!

A general guide to your cat's age range:

7 to 10yrs = middle aged ▪ 11 to 14yrs = senior ▪ 15+ yrs = geriatric

So what does this mean to you and your cat? Being familiar with the aging process will help you monitor for signs of problems. As cats age, their bodies are less able to cope with physical and environmental stress. Their immune systems weaken, causing them to be prone to develop conditions and diseases such as diabetes, hyperthyroidism, kidney disease, high blood pressure, arthritis, lung disease, retinal disease, deafness, cancer etc.

It is important for all senior pets to regularly see their doctor. A thorough MiM (see Maturity in Motion, above) exam is designed to promote a long, healthy life by recognizing symptoms early on and controlling issues as they arise. Experts recommend seeing your veterinarian every 6 months if you have a cat over age 11.

One of the first and key indicators of underlying disease is unexplained weight loss or gain. Changes in behavior or routine are very common as well, rising from 28% at 11-14 to 50% at 15+ yrs! We recommend at minimum an annual exam, blood work (including T4, CBC & Chem), urinalysis, blood pressure and ECG.

Cats are very good at disguising illness. Certain health problems can occur unexpectedly and your apparently healthy cat may become suddenly very ill! Call to book a maturity wellness exam for the month of November to save 20% and receive free food ☺

## RETAIL AND SPECIAL ORDER SECTION...

- ◊ Variety of medicated & non-medicated shampoo for allergies and sensitive skin great for dogs as well as horses
- ◊ Omega-3 Fatty Acid Supplements for dogs, cats and horses
- ◊ Veto Equine Fly Spray & Ecto Spray help with those pesky flies & mosquitoes
- ◊ Horse Dewormer Quest & Quest Plus, Eqvalan & Eqvalan Gold, Panacur, Exodus

- ◊ MediCal Royal Canin, Hill's Prescription Diets and Treats
- ◊ Pill Pockets & Pill Poppers help ease administration of medication
- ◊ VetLink Ear Cleaner help stay on top of bacteria and yeast
- ◊ Toothbrushes, Toothpaste & Breathalyser
- ◊ Toe Nail Trimmers & Bloodstop powder for those 'oops' trims
- ◊ Pawguard lanolin rub for dry, cracked paws & elbows ☺

Browse our animal companion catalogue and order any items you see. Please allow 2-4 business days for delivery!

Closed. Monday October 11<sup>th</sup> ~ Thursday November 11<sup>th</sup> ~ Friday December 24<sup>th</sup> ~ Saturday December 25<sup>th</sup>

## DID YOU KNOW...

PIGS WALLOW IN THE MUD BECAUSE THEIR SKIN HAS LITTLE TO NO HAIR, MAKING THEM EXTREMELY SENSITIVE TO THE SUN!!

DR. CHRISTINE MURDOCH, Owner & Veterinarian  
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CHANDRA M, Administrative Assistant

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