

#### **Hours:**

Monday – Thursday: 8:00 am – 9:30 pm Friday: 8:00 am – 6:00 pm

Saturday & Sunday: 8:30 am – 3:00 pm

#### We have a new email!

Please use info@mcleodvet.com for any questions or concerns.

#### www.mcleodvet.com

Our website has been revamped! Want to meet our staff members and learn about our facility? Visit us at www.mcleodvet.com.

#### **Loyalty Program**

Vicinity is a loyalty program available at McLeod Veterinary Hospital which rewards clients for their continued support. Earn 1 point per dollar spent and you could save money on your next service or purchase.



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## Canine Influenza

In late December 2017, the first known case of H3N2 canine influenza was identified in Ontario from dogs imported from Asia.

There are two strains of canine influenza virus that have been reported in North America. H3N2 originated in Asia likely from an avian influenza. H3N8 was initially seen in Florida early in the 2000s and came from an equine strain.

Canine influenza is transmitted by direct nose-to-nose contact, from droplet exposure of the virus in the air, and from contact with objects that have been in contact with infected dogs. The highest risk of transmission is from nose-to-nose contact. Dogs without symptoms but that are in the early phases of infection can shed the virus and infect other dogs.

Canine influenza is part of the infections grouped under the umbrella term "canine infectious respiratory disease complex" which also includes "kennel cough". Symptoms can include sneezing, coughing, nose and eye discharge, a decrease in appetite, and possibly a fever. Most dogs make a full recovery in 2 to 3 weeks. It is rare for these infections to be fatal. Some dogs can develop a bacterial pneumonia, which is more serious. Very young and very old dogs and brachycephalic breeds (such as pugs and bulldogs) are most susceptible to more severe infections.

There have currently been no reports of canine influenza in Manitoba. Families with dogs exhibiting symptoms similar to those of canine influenza should contact their veterinarian.

## **Essential Oils**

Recently there have been several websites discussing the risk of essential oils in cats. Essential oils should never be applied directly to a cat's skin or in a location where they can be ingested. Particular types of essential oils that are known to be toxic to cats include: oils of wintergreen, sweet birch, citrus, pine, Ylang Ylang, peppermint, cinnamon, pennyroyal, clove, eucalyptus, and tea tree oil.

Cats with exposure to these oils may drool, vomit, have tremors, breathing difficulties, liver failure, and a decrease in heart rate and body temperature.

If essential oils are used in a diffuser, they may be irritating to the airways of cats, particularly if the cat has allergies, asthma, or respiratory infections. Cats in close proximity to diffusers can get micro droplets of essential oil on their coat which may be ingested during grooming or absorbed through the skin.



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## Those Suckers are Coming Back!

Mosquitoes and wood ticks will soon be back! This means that heartworm and Lyme testing is in full swing. Luckily, a simple blood test run in hospital can determine if your dog has been infected with either of these diseases. Your dog relies on you to provide them with the necessary tools to prevent and monitor for heartworm and Lyme disease. At McLeod Veterinary Hospital we can help you choose the product best suited for your furry friend. Contact your pet's health care team today to discuss prevention and schedule heartworm and Lyme disease testing.

## Canadian Animal Blood Bank

McLeod Veterinary Hospital will be hosting a CABB blood donor clinic on Thursday, April 12th, 2018. The CABB provides blood products for pets in need. The CABB is a non-profit organization that is always on the lookout for new donors. For more information about the CABB and how your pet can help save lives, visit www.canadiananimalbloodbank.ca



## Nexgard

NexGard is a soft, soy based, beef flavored chew for dogs. Nexgard is given once monthly as flea and tick control for dogs in high risk areas. The soy base makes Nexgard a great choice for dogs with beef allergies at it contains no real beef. As an oral medication, Nexgard is ideal for dogs who love to swim during the summer months as there is no worry that will wash off, and lose efficacy. Nexgard is safe to use around cats and children as the medication leaves no residue on the fur and cannot rub off on clothing or furniture.

# Did You Know

In 2017 McLeod Veterinary Hospital ran 527 blood tests for heartworm and tick-borne diseases. Of these tests, 2 were heartworm positive and 15 were positive for tick-borne diseases (9 Lyme positives).



### Meet Zoey

Zoey is a 2-year-old retriever mix adopted through Manitoba Mutts Dog Rescue. Zoey had a litter of puppies in mid-November and has recently been spayed. Zoey's laid-back, friendly personality has lead her to be adopted into a wonderful home.

For more information about Manitoba Mutts Dog Rescue and the pets available for adoption, please visit:

#### www.manitobamutts.org