



# The Village Vet Gazette

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### Clinic note:

*Dr. Kelly isn't really going to the French Riviera but will be taking a well-deserved day off on May 12. The clinic will remain open so that clients may schedule appointments and pick up meds or food. For urgent issues please call and we will recommend a back-up veterinarian. Thank you.*

## Postcard from Louise!

First, my deepest gratitude to my brother, Hank, for filling in for me while I've been on holiday. The Riviera is *fabulous!* But I miss my mommy terribly, and as she also needs a vacation I have implored her to visit me for a whirlwind weekend. A little sunshine and a few Mai Tais are always good medicine! Dr. Mommy and I shall return May 14 to resume caring for you all! Air kisses! Mwah!  
-Dame Louise

TO:



All My Lovelies!

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## Health News

### PET FOOD RECALL!

As you are probably already aware, there has been a massive recall of tainted pet food by Menu Foods, manufacturers of pet food for many companies. The recall involved primarily "cuts in gravy" style food sold in pouches and is currently believed to be caused by a toxic substance called melamine which can affect the kidneys.

Many pets who ate the tainted foods had blood work done for a baseline and to monitor the pet. Fortunately, very few pets were affected.

Recently this list was expanded to include additional brands of pet food as well as food for other types of animals.

For details about the recall and to find out what specific foods were involved, please go to [www.menufoods.com](http://www.menufoods.com) or call them at (866) 895-2708. There is additional info at [www.fda.gov](http://www.fda.gov).

### Hours of operation:

Monday: 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.  
Tuesday: 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
Wednesday: 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.  
Thursday: CLOSED  
Friday: 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Saturday: 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
Sunday: CLOSED

## Ask Hank



Dear Hank,

I know your sister Louise has been on quite an extended vacation, and now your Mommy is going, too. How do you do it? I would be out of my mind! In fact, I have been known to shred and chew objects, poop on the bed, and howl uncontrollably when my humans leave. Any advice?

- Down in the Doghouse

Dear Down,

Sounds like you have a case of separation anxiety! I don't have those issues myself. In fact, it's the only issue I *don't* have! But some dogs can't even be left alone while their humans go to work for the day. In those cases, crating with a Kong toy stuffed with treats would help. Also, there are medications available such as clomipramine and fluoxetine that can help with separation anxiety.

Have your human talk to Dr. Gough about what treatment is best for you, especially if they've tried treatment that hasn't worked.

And it's true, I miss my Louise. However, I've enjoyed the peace and quiet. Truth be told, that Louise is a DIVA! (But don't tell her I said so, otherwise the fur will fly!)

## Featured Pet



### TUFFY!

Meet Tufffield, a handsome, 4 year-old Bouvier.

Tufffield (a/k/a Tuffy) was adopted from Lollypop Farm and is one of the Village Vet's newest patients.

Tuffy came to the Village Vet by way of the clinic's participation in a special program which provides for a free first exam for animals who have just been adopted from Lollypop. The program encourages pet adoption and proper care through the participation of clinics like The Village Vet.

If you or someone you know are thinking of adopting a pet from Lollypop farm, call the clinic for a free exam!

## In Memoriam

Rex B., Happy B., Kali D., Baby D., Comet D., Nikki G., Gizmo M., Petie M., Ruby M., Rusty N., Patches O., Patches P., Snowball P., Putney S., Cookie S.

*Quote of the month: Our perfect companions never have fewer than four feet. ~ Colette*