

1000th client and new website

This summer, only seven months after opening, The Village Vet logged its 1000th client. We couldn't be more thrilled with the success we've had here in the Webster community. More importantly, we are humbled by the confidence our clients have in our services.

Also, please visit our new website at www.TheVillageVet.net. Here you will be able to link to a photo album of the transformation of the clinic from Marv's to opening day. The current newsletter is there and past newsletters will be archived soon. More will be added to the site over time as it is still a work in progress, but we hope you like it. - Dr. K.



Health News

Halloween already!

Halloween is fast approaching. This fun and harmless holiday may not be so fun and harmless for your pet.

Unpleasant as it is to think about, practitioners of black magic are known to steal black cats during this time as they are symbolic to them. If you own a black cat, we suggest you keep her indoors until after Halloween.

While the risk of your cat being stolen is extremely low, chocolate toxicity in your cat or dog is not. Chocolate can not only make your animal sick, it can be fatal. Semi-sweet and dark chocolates are the most dangerous forms.

Symptoms, which include nervousness, GI distress and excessive thirst, may not be seen for several hours. Affected pets may also have an irregular heartbeat which can be life threatening. If you suspect your animal has ingested chocolate, contact your veterinarian immediately.

This is a great opportunity to teach your children to not only keep the candy away from your animals, but not to feed them anything other than their own food. It will keep Fido and Whiskers safe, healthy, and slim.

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 Louise



Dear Louise,

I don't know if you ever got a letter from a human before, but I really need your help. My kid just went away to college for the first time, and the dog seems to really miss her. It's like he's depressed. Can a dog really miss a person? Is there anything I can do?

- Empty Nest

Dear Empty,

Well, I believe that animals can feel sad just like you are about your child leaving the house. But some will say that it's just the change of routine that is affecting your pet. Either way, animals enjoy affection and if your dog has been sleeping with your child forever, he will certainly miss that affection.

One thing you can do to help your dog feel a little better is to give it a shirt or other item of clothing that your daughter wore. He will pick up her scent.

And you may think I'm crazy, but one thing college bound children should do is to TELL their animals that they're going away but will be back to visit. Tell the dog he's the best dog ever and that they will miss him, too. Then ask the dog to help take care of the other family members in their absence.

And need I say, this works for we divine felines, as well. Just because we act snooty, doesn't mean we aren't soft-hearted pussy cats.

Featured Pet



This is Hannah Kominiarek, a 7 year old black lab mix. She was seen by Dr. Gough in August for a swollen toe. The toe was also very sore as she was favoring her foot quite markedly. An X-ray showed noticeable deterioration of the last bone of the toe. The two primary concerns were infection and cancer. After only limited improvement on antibiotics Dr. Gough decided that to be on the safe side amputation of the digit was the best course of action. Hannah handled the surgery very well. The biopsy results showed that there was indeed squamous cell carcinoma in the bone and nail bed. In cases like this, early amputation of the digit is generally curative. Her owner reports that Hannah is definitely back to herself and doesn't report missing her toe a bit!

In Memoriam

Tyler C., Niko C., Ceaser C., Miss Bridgette F., Midnight G., Jolie & Misty I., Poco K., Rainbow L., Princess M., Gucci R., Casey S., Tinker S., Jake S., Alfonse T., Jazz V., Casey W., Beast W., Layla G., Blossom K., Midnight M., Sniffy P., Mama S.