

The Village Vet

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THE VILLAGE VET!!!!

The Village Vet is ONE year old on November 13th. I will never forget that day a year ago, coming in for the first day of work on a cold, gray November day. I was exhausted. I was overwhelmed. I was scared! Yet, a mere year later my world has completely changed. I am so happy to be at the helm of The Village Vet and pleased to announce that my expectations for the first year were far exceeded. And for this success I would like to thank the people and pets of Webster for supporting my endeavor. I would further like to thank my loyal and dedicated staff for epitomizing the spirit I intended to bring to this veterinary clinic. I look forward to continuing to provide you and your pets compassionate and quality veterinary care. It is my honor. Thank you. - Dr. Kelly



Health News

**The Kelly Cup Challenge
Final Push!**

We are in the final days of *The Kelly Cup Challenge*, our canine weight loss contest.

Several of our patients have entered the contest and have done incredibly well. So far Rocky, Clyde and Sam have made the most dramatic changes.

This is the hardest time of year for pets and humans alike. We get bombarded with candy at Halloween, then Thanksgiving and Christmas follow right behind. There is food and more food. Everywhere.

HANG IN THERE! Resist the temptation to give your dog table food. Keep the food trays at levels where the dog can't reach. Ask your friends and family to not feed the dog. Obesity is a major cause of arthritis and other health problems in dogs.

The last day to weigh in is 12/31/2007. The client winner will receive a gift certificate to Pet Smart and the canine winner will get a little gift basket and be the featured pet in the next newsletter! Good luck!

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 love bringing little gifts for my humans, especially with the holidays coming up. I've brought them birds and moles and mice, even baby bunnies. But they seem unappreciative and my feeling are hurt!

- Forsaken Feline

Dear Forsaken

My darling, you can't hold this against poor, misunderstanding humans with their strange fear of creatures no bigger than their own big toe. Why, recently yours truly brought Dr. Mommy a LIVE mouse! There I was with "Jerry" in my mouth when mommy called me into the house. "Oh joy!" I thought. I can give her present to her still breathing! So into the house I trotted with my quarry and presented it to her. Well, the little bugger went scooting off. And so did I. I mean, it was mommy's gift to have, my work was done. Well, to say mommy's knickers got into a twist is an understatement! She grabbed a broom, a towel, a backgammon board, the vacuum cleaner! A magnificent chase ensued. I think mommy may have even screamed once or twice. Ah, but Jerry put up a good fight and finally found a place to hide. Of course, we've never seen him since.

Darlings, we can compromise. Kitties, don't bring them back alive. And humans, just thank your kitty for the gift and tell him what a good hunter he is. Then toss the critter in the woods when kitty isn't looking.

Featured Pet



Meet Moe Borrino! Moe is an eight month old English Springer Spaniel. He came in because he was favoring his left front leg. Examination of Moe revealed a marked lameness in the leg, muscle atrophy (shrinkage), and pain with the manipulation of the shoulder. Radiographs (above) showed that the humeral head is significantly flattened where it should be rounded. This finding confirmed the suspected diagnosis of osteochondrosis dessicans (OCD) of the shoulder. OCD is a defect in cartilage development in the joint. A cartilage flap develops which is painful. The only definitive treatment is surgery to remove the flap and then to stimulate the bone to develop a replacement fibrocartilage. Moe's surgery was successful and he was sound in the affected leg when he came in to have his staples removed. Yeah, Moe!

In Memoriam

T-Rex C., Max F., Valentino F., Lila H., Munchkin K., Henry L., Midnight M., Checkers P., Winfrey S., Caine S., Gilligan W., Samantha W.