



## The Times, they are a' changin'

"Change" is the key word these days: Politicians are talking about "change" and autumn marks a "change" in the weather. Well, The Village Vet is not without its own changes as you may have noticed.

We said goodbye to Mary ä, our veterinary assistant, who has gone off to college to be a Vet Tech. We said goodbye to Rachel, our intern, who has returned to college to study veterinary medicine. And, we said goodbye to our clinic cat, Rusty, who has found the perfect living situation where he gets to run free on a farm.

But we also get to say hello to our new veterinary assistant, Casey, a student at Schroeder H.S. who will provide valuable services to the functioning of the clinic with her bright, youthful exuberance. Welcome!

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### Hyperthyroidism in cats— "Overactive thyroid"

Hyperthyroidism is the most common hormonal disease that veterinarians see in older cats.

The most common symptoms of hyperthyroid cats is weight loss coupled with an excessive appetite. Your cat may also drink and urinate frequently and may stop grooming itself.

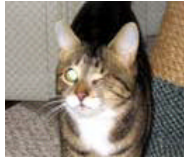
The symptoms of hyperthyroidism are similar to other health conditions such as diabetes and kidney disease. Hyperthyroidism can also cause other health problems such as high blood pressure. For this reason it is important to have your cat checked if you observe any of these symptoms. A simple blood test will properly diagnose your pet.

Treatments range from medications to surgery and the prognosis is usually good.

## In Memoriam

Ponch A, Lady A, Dusti B, Jake B, Page C, Cali C, Marlo C, Odie D, Romeo D, Mickie E, Bodie F, Snickers F, Tucker F, Phoebe G, Lucy H, Gus H, Winston J, Milo K, Griffey L, Hershey M, Meeko P, Spike P, Lady P, Meisha P, Malaki P, Dakota R, Lucy S, Spot S, Kiki S, Booser S, Brady T, Chloe V, Meggie W, Shadow W.

## Ask Louise



Dear Louise

Sometimes I feel like my mommy and daddy do not pay enough attention to me. How do I get them to love me up more?  
Deprived

Dear

You must be a new kitty. Older kitties know the tricks, so I'm going to teach you.

First, your humans probably spend certain times of the day "looking at the mail" and "reading the paper". When they sit down with this stuff in front of them, immediately jump on the table and lie down on the paper material. This works whenever they appear to be "working" and have paper in front of them. Take every opportunity!

Second, sometimes they will want your affection. When they call you over (and this may not make sense to you yet) ignore them. It just makes them want you more! Sometimes they'll come right over and pick you up! At first, you should act indifferent, but then begin purring. Being a kitty cat involves knowing the nuances of how to manipulate humans. With enough practice, you'll get it down in no time!

### Featured Pet



#### Meet Dolly.

What can we say about Dolly, who

lives next door to the doctor. Dolly is, well...she's.....um.... not nice. Not nice at all. If you pet her she hisses. If you walk by her she hisses. If you look at her she hisses. But she isn't without her charms. At least that's what her owner says.

Dolly is our featured pet because she exhibited the classic signs of hyperthyroidism. Blood tests were done to rule out thyroid disease, kidney disease, and diabetes, A senior panel was run, as well. The results? She's PERFECTLY NORMAL! Her official diagnosis is that she's just an old cat exhibiting signs of aging. So it's possible that your symptomatic cat is healthy, just old. But only proper testing can determine for sure.

#### 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.  
Friday: 8:00 a.m. -5:00 p.m.  
Saturday: 8:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m.  
Closed Thursday and Sunday