



<b>Hours of Operation</b>	
Mon—Wed: 8am—6pm	Thurs: 8am—8pm
Fri: 8am—5pm	Sat: 8am—Noon
<b>24-Hour Emergency On-Call 7 Days a Week</b>	

Dear Friends,

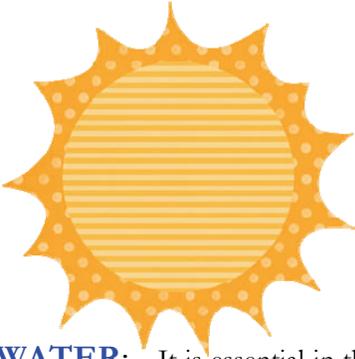
We would like to thank everyone for making our open house such a success! We were pleased to have so many of you turn out to meet us and see our dream come to life. But, just because the open house is over, the invitation still stands. Please feel free to stop by anytime to see us and find out what we've been up to.



Dr. George's ultrasound convention was a wonderful learning experience. He was gone for a week in May when he traveled to Florida to take a week long class on small animal ultrasound. There was no time to play in the sun for him. The classes usually went from 8 am to around 9 pm. He learned so much and is excited to be able to offer better services to our patients. We thank you all for your patience and understanding while the clinic was closed!

This newsletter is intended to educate our clients about items that we feel are important. Is there something you would like to learn more about? Any general questions that you need answered? Jokes that need to be shared? (After all, laughter is the best medicine!) Please let us know. We are always open to suggestions for future articles for our quarterly newsletter. You can contact us through our website at [www.deerfieldvetclinic.com](http://www.deerfieldvetclinic.com) or by phone at 463-7775.

Thank you again for your support,  
Simon, Jenni, and Elayna George



# SUMMER IS HERE

## How to keep your pets healthy in the heat

Summer came fast this year. All of a sudden we're dealing with temperatures in the 90's and high amounts of humidity. And we have to start thinking about how to keep ourselves and our pets happy when it is extra sunny outside. Here are some tips that should help:

**WATER:** It is essential in the summer. Always provide plenty of fresh, cool water for all pets to enjoy. Some dogs like to eat ice cubes. This is a great way to make sure they get more water. Horses can drink over 25 gallons of water a day. Be sure to keep water buckets clean and free from insects to promote consumption.



**PLAY:** Make sure your pets have plenty of shade or a nice place to rest after playing in the heat. Some dogs, such as Bulldogs, Boxers, and Pugs, have a harder time breathing in the hot weather, so it's best to keep them from playing outside as much as possible when it is very hot and humid. Horses may need to be sponge bathed after turnout or working on a very hot day. Use cold water and be sure to wet the areas with large blood vessels such as the underside of the belly, the neck, and inside the legs. It may be best to turnout horses as early as possible in the morning to avoid the heat.

**GARDENS:** Keep all pets off lawns that have been chemically treated or fertilized for 24 hours (or according to instructions). Also, be aware that many plants can be toxic to pets. For a list of toxic outdoor plants, visit our website in the "articles" section.

**INSECTS:** For horses, to combat mosquitoes and flies, use repellents, fly masks, and sheets. Dogs and cats should be protected against fleas and ticks. For best results, use only flea and tick treatments recommended by your veterinarian.

**NOISE:** Don't take your pets to crowded summer events like concerts or fairs. It may be best to leave them at home in your cool house. Because of thunderstorms, make sure your small animals are wearing identification or are microchipped in case they get upset and get loose. Turn on music in your house or barn to help drown out the sudden blasts of thunder.

**TRAVEL:** Never leave your pet in your car in the summer when the inside of your car can reach 120°, even if you're parked in the shade. If you are traveling a long distance, make sure you have the correct paperwork. All horses and livestock must have health certificates to cross state borders and may need other blood tests as well. Small animals need health certificates and current vaccines to cross into Canada and to ride in airplanes. Check with your vet as to what you might need.



# Should You Trust Pet Healthcare Web Sites?

Most of us love the internet. You can find nearly any information you want with very little time and effort. What's not to like? When it comes to your pets' health, it's nice to be able to discuss problems with chat groups or look up the latest research findings. But, some information can be misleading and even untrue. These are some tips to help you decide if the information you get about your pet from the web or from emails is safe and true. A fact sheet with more tips can be found on our website at [www.deerfieldvetclinic.com](http://www.deerfieldvetclinic.com) in the "Articles" section.



## Who runs the Web site?

Any Web site should indicate clearly and often who is responsible for the site and its information. There should be a section that says "About Us" or "About this site." These should state clearly the purpose of the website and help you to evaluate the trustworthiness of the information.



## Who funds the Web site?

The source of funding a Web site should be clearly stated. For example, websites ending in "gov" are sponsored by the federal government; "edu" indicates educational institutions, "org" is often used by noncommercial groups; and "com" denotes commercial enterprises. The source of funding can affect what content is presented, how it's presented, and what site owners want to accomplish.

## How can you verify the accuracy of information you receive via e-mail?

Any e-mail messages should be carefully evaluated. Consider the origin and the purpose of the message. Some companies and organizations use e-mail to advertise products or attract people to their Web site. The accuracy of health-related information may be influenced by the desire to promote a product or service. It's important to carefully consider the source of the e-mail and other Internet-based information and to discuss the information with your veterinarian.

These tips were adapted from information provided by the Cancer Information Service.

## Top Ten Breeds of Purebred Dogs According to the AKC

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|-----------------------|---------------------|--------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Labrador Retriever | 4. Golden Retriever | 7. Dachshund | 10. Bulldog               |
| 2. Yorkshire Terrier  | 5. Beagle           | 8. Poodle    | *The bulldog has not been |
| 3. German Shepherd    | 6. Boxer            | 9. Shih-Tzu  | in the top 10 since 1935. |

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## Laughter Is The Best Medicine

Some race horses are staying in a stable. One of them starts to boast about his track record. "In the last 15 races, I've won 8 of them!"

Another horse breaks in, "Well in the last 27 races, I've won 19!!!"

"Oh that's good, but in the last 36 races, I've won 28!", says another, flicking his tail.

At this point, they notice that a greyhound dog has been sitting there listening. "I don't mean to boast," says the greyhound, "but in my last 90 races, I've won 88 of them!"

The horses are clearly amazed. "Wow!" says one, after a hushed silence. "A talking dog."