



### Hours of Operation

Mon—Wed: 8am—6pm      Thurs: 8am—8pm  
Fri: 8am—5pm      Sat: 8am—Noon  
**24-Hour Emergency On-Call 7 Days a Week**

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

We are reaching our two-year anniversary. How time flies! We would like to take this time to thank all of you for your help, support, and trust in us to care for your beloved family members. We know that there are many choices out there and we are truly grateful to have the honor of serving you.

There are a few new faces in the clinic that you will learn about inside this newsletter. But, there is also another new face that should be here in the summer. We are expecting our second child in May. We're not sure how Laynie will take having to share the spotlight, but we are looking forward to the new adventures.

Also, there have been some changes made to our website. We now offer something called Pet Portals. This is an area of the website where you can contact us regarding any questions you might have. You can request medications or appointments. You can also check to see if your pets are up-to-date on vaccines. If you have an email address, just let our receptionists know it and you will receive your own login and password to set up your Pet Portals within a couple days. It is very exciting and many of our clients have already taken advantage of all of the benefits Pet Portals has to offer.

We hope you all know we will continue to work hard in 2010 to meet the needs of you and your pets. If you have any suggestions, please feel free to share them. Your feedback is the best way for us to grow. Thank you again and we wish you all a happy and healthy new year!



Laynie at the Toledo Zoo.

Sincerely,  
Simon, Jenni, and Elayna George  
and the entire team of Deerfield Veterinary Clinic



## Winter Care Tips for your Pet

As the weather gets colder, we need to be aware of new hazards that threaten our four-legged family members.

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Never allow your dog to walk on a lake or pond that looks frozen. The appearance of ice can be deceiving and pets can fall through and drown.



Continue to use monthly heartworm preventatives year-round. Remember, it's often easier and cheaper to prevent parasites than treat them when a pet's infested or infected. And try to keep your yard clean of feces even in the winter, as worms can continue to thrive in varying weather.



When the weather cools, cats like to sleep near a warm car engine, curling up on or under the hood. Be sure you know where your cat is and honk the horn before starting your car.



To prevent dehydration, be sure your pet's water supply doesn't freeze. And use a non-metal water dish to keep your pet's tongue from sticking



If your pet is outside at all, you must provide adequate shelter. A dog house should be no more than three times the dog's size. The door should face away from the wind. And avoid blankets and straw—they can harbor fleas. Use cedar shavings for bedding instead.



## New Faces of DVC

Jessica (left) is our newest certified veterinary technician. She graduated in 2009 and joined us after marrying her husband in June. Stephanie (right) is working as a receptionist and veterinary assistant. She has been in the



veterinary industry since 2000 and spends her spare time with her son and two cats. Jess and Steph are extremely friendly and helpful and we feel lucky to have them as part of the DVC family. Check out our website in the Staff section to learn more about our newest team members.

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## Simon Says...

**What does teeth floating mean and why is it necessary for my horse?**

Teeth floating is the routine maintenance of a horse's mouth. Most adult horses have between 36 to 40 permanent teeth. These teeth are usually in place by the time a horse turns 5. A horse's permanent teeth are about 4 inches long.

These teeth continue to grow throughout a horse's life until they actually can lose the entire tooth. As a horse chews, the teeth can wear down unevenly causing sharp points to form which can cause pain in the mouth, trouble holding a bit, and even trouble chewing food.

Floating is done with instruments called floats which help even out the teeth. Most equine dental procedures, including basic floating, irreversibly change the horse's teeth and should be done by licensed veterinarians with the medical knowledge to understand how dental health affects the horse's overall health.

An oral exam should be part of every horse's annual physical. It provides a chance to identify dental problems while they are still in the early stage, which decreases the chance that these problems can lead to other serious health issues for the horse. If you are interested, next time you are in the clinic ask to see a horse's tooth as we have many samples.



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## Laughter Is The Best Medicine

How Many Dogs Does It Take To Change A Light Bulb?  
Part I

**Dachshund:** You know I can't reach that stupid lamp!

**Golden Retriever:** The sun is shining, the day is young, we have our whole lives ahead of us and you're inside worrying about a stupid bulb?

**Border Collie:** Just one. And then I'll replace any wiring that's not up to code.

**Poodle:** I'll just blow in the Border Collie's ear and he'll do it. By the time he's finished rewiring my house, my nails will be dry.