



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,

The newest addition to the clinic arrived on May 5, 2010. His name is Lucien and, as you can see by the picture, he looks just like his daddy. I'm sure he will enjoy being in the clinic as much as Laynie does.

Before Lucien, we had more additions to our team. You can learn more about them inside and on our website. As we grow bigger, Simon and Jenni want you to know that we spend a lot of time and thought when hiring new team members. It took over 9 months and many (MANY) interviews to find the right veterinarian to fit in and we feel Dr. Mary will make us proud.



When we started this clinic, our main goal was to offer excellent customer service. Every one of our team members was brought on board because we felt they could help us succeed with that goal. As we bring in new team members, we ask that you be patient and give them a chance. And always know that your satisfaction and the well-being of your pets are the reason we are here.

We also want to remind clients that we are now offering a military discount. If you currently or have ever served our country in the armed forces, please show our receptionists or doctors a copy of honorable discharge papers or proof of membership to the VFW or the like. This is our way of thanking those who have made sacrifices for the freedoms that we United States citizens have.

As always, the team of Deerfield Veterinary Clinic thanks you all for your support and your trust in us to take care of your precious four-legged family members. We know there are many choices out there and we are honored that you have chosen us.

Sincerely,
The George Family and
The Team of Deerfield Veterinary Clinic



Toxins and Your Animals

In 2009, the ASPCA's Animal Poison Control Center handled more than 140,000 cases of pets exposed to toxic substances. Here is a small list of things harmful to all animals. Prevention is the key to keeping your pet safe from these poisons.

Human Medications :

- NSAIDS (Aleve, Motrin) and Acetaminophen (Tylenol) - Even one to two pills can cause kidney and liver failure.
- Antidepressants, ADD/ADHD medications, and Sleep Aids - These medications can cause neurological problems such as seizures, incoordination, and severe agitation. And some of these medications, such as Effexor, actually taste good to cats.
- Birth control - Large ingestions of estrogen can cause bone marrow suppression.
- Ace Inhibitors and Beta-Blockers - Overdoses can cause life-threatening decreases in blood pressure and a very slow heart rate.

Always keep medications out of reach and never give medication without consulting your veterinarian first. Keep your medication separate from your pets so you don't accidentally give them the wrong drug. Keep purses off the floor so dogs and cats don't go sniffing around for a treat.

Toxic Plants :

- Red Maple - The wilted leaves of this tree are deadly to horses. More than 60% of horses will die within 3-7 days of ingestion.
- Rhododendron/Azaleas - While this plant doesn't taste good to horses, dogs, and cats, sheep and goats will readily munch on it. It can cause vomiting, diarrhea, coma, and even death.
- Lilies - These are highly toxic to cats and cause acute kidney failure which can result in death.
- Marijuana - This is toxic to dogs, cats, and horses. It causes prolonged depression, vomiting, low blood pressure, and seizures.
- Cocoa Mulch - See the reasoning under Chocolate listed below.

The key to these plants is that animals don't know any better and will eat them without knowing the harm they can do. It is up to you to keep your animals away from certain plants.

Human Food:

- Grapes and Raisins - These can cause acute kidney failure with small amounts.
- Chocolate, Coffee, and Caffeine - Cacao seeds (found in these things) are the actual toxin. The darker the chocolate, the more cacao in it. This can cause vomiting, diarrhea, hyperactivity, and seizures.
- Xylitol - This sugar substitute can cause severe hypoglycemia and can lead to liver failure. Just a couple of sticks of gum can be hazardous to a large dog.



New Faces of DVC

Dr. Mary McDowell (left) and Stephanie Coulombe (right) have joined our happy group. Dr. Mary's goal is to live the life like James Herriot (even with the long hours and high possibility of bodily harm). Stephanie is learning the ropes of the veterinary receptionist and keeping her bright smile and positive attitude going the whole time. You can learn more about these two and all of us by visiting the Team section of our website.



Simon Says...



If my dog gets into porcupine quills, does cutting the quills make them easier to remove?

- Many lucky quill dog parents

The quick answer is no, it does not help any. The best way to remove porcupine quills is to bring the dog in, have him or her sedated, and then pull the quills out in a quick motion. Most dogs will not tolerate pulling quills without sedation and the pain they feel increases the chance of someone getting bit. Luckily, under sedation, the process can be pretty quick and less traumatizing to the dog.

Why does my dog eat grass?

- Years of clients have asked this one

Dogs are not carnivores like cats. They are also not omnivores like us. They are scavengers and will eat anything to help meet their daily nutritional requirements. Since grass is readily available, dogs eat that. When they have an upset stomach, they may gulp down large pieces of grass in order to make themselves vomit. However, some dogs will nibble and munch on grass and not get sick. If this is the case, you may want to add some cooked vegetables (peas, green beans, etc) to your dog's diet to help fill the nutritional needs they are trying to get from the grass. But, don't be alarmed if your dog is eating grass. It is perfectly normal. Be sure, though, that the grass your dog is eating has not been treated with any chemicals. Otherwise, you'll have more serious problems than a little vomit.

Why do we work on animals?

- Laynie asked this one and this was her own answer to that question

Because they are beautiful, cute and we love them.



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Laughter Is The Best Medicine

Bizarre Real Life Animal Laws Part IV

- As long as you pay admission ahead of time, your horse would be allowed in a tavern in Burns, Oregon.
- In Oklahoma, it is illegal to get a fish drunk.
- You may not tease a skunk in Minnesota.
- In New York, donkeys are prohibited from sleeping in bathtubs.
- In Wilbur, Washington, you may pay a fine of \$300 for riding an ugly horse.