



Hours of Operation

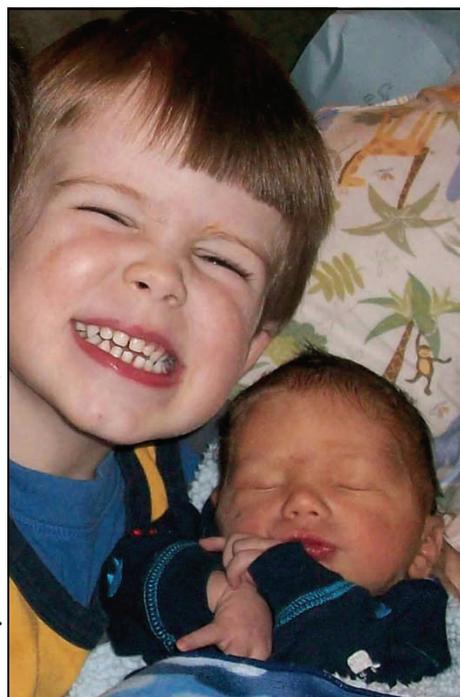
Mon—Wed: 8am—6pm Thurs: 8am—8pm
Fri: 8am—5pm Sat: 8am—Noon
24-Hour Emergency On-Call 7 Days a Week

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Well, Summer is here and with it came our newest clinic member, Wesley Eldredge. Dr. Robyn gave birth to a healthy baby boy on May 11. We are so happy for their new addition (but we are secretly counting down the days until she returns in August).

In other news, the addition to the clinic is nearly ready to start. We have gotten approval from the town and are just ironing out some last minute details. We truly appreciate all your input with regards to this addition. And we appreciate your patience and understanding during the construction phase. To follow the progress, become a fan of Deerfield Veterinary Clinic on facebook. I will post pictures of the entire building process so everyone can be a part of our growth.

As we continue to grow and expand, we know that it is all because of our loyal clients. We truly appreciate that you choose us out of dozens of other veterinary clinics in the area! We will continue to strive for excellent customer service and outstanding medical and surgical treatment. And the best way for us to do that is through feedback from you. Do you have ideas? Concerns? Suggestions? Please let us know as we are always trying to improve for you. Thank you again and we hope you have a happy and safe summer!



Shane, the proud big brother,
and Wesley Eldredge.

Sincerely,
Simon, Jenni, Elayna, and Lucien George
And the entire Team of Deerfield Veterinary Clinic

Are We Killing Our Pets With People Food?

A 2009 study found that 45% of dogs and 58% of cats in the United States are overweight or obese. And, that extra weight affects more than their waistlines. According to another study, on average an overweight dog lives 2 years less than a lean dog. And, chronic conditions, such as osteoarthritis, affect overweight animals 2 years earlier than their leaner counterparts. So, what can you do?

• Nutrition

- * Don't use treats to replace love. Our attention is the best gift we can give our pets.
- * Carrots, apples, green beans, bananas—most dogs love fruits and veggies, either raw or cooked. They are great low-calorie snacks. But, **NEVER** feed grapes, raisins, or onions. Other than those exceptions, keep passing the fruit.
- * For cats, stick to a dry food for the regular diet. This is better for their teeth as well as their weight. Use a small amount of wet food (1-2 teaspoons per day) as a treat.
- * When giving people food, a little goes a long way:
 - ◆ 1 ounce of cheddar cheese given to a 20 pound dog is equal to 1 1/2 whole chocolate bars to a 150 pound human.
 - 1 ounce of cheddar cheese given to a 10 pound cat equals 4 chocolate bars.



• Exercise

- * Start slowly with 10—15 minutes of light activity (such as moderate walking).
- * Build up to 30-60 minutes of activity three times a week.
- * While walking is the best exercise, dogs also love to play fetch, swim, and hike through the woods. We even have a client who has trained his dog to walk on a treadmill. Remember to keep it fun for the both of you.
- * Cats have a great prey drive and love to hunt. Use feathers on the end of strings or laser pointers to get them moving.
- * Remember—Calories In, Calories out:
 - ◆ If your pet eats more calories than he or she burns in a day, weight gain is a certainty.





Not-So-New Faces of DVC



Both Ashley and Christine (aka Salty) started here by volunteering so you may have seen them around. Ashley (pictured left) is going to school to become a Certified Veterinary Technician. Salty (pictured right) finished

her junior year at Wisconsin University and is hoping to attend veterinary school at the same school. Ashley has joined our team full time and Salty may be Dr. Salty in 4-5 years. For more information on them and on any of our team members, check out our Team section on our website.



Simon Says...

My horse stepped on a nail. What should I do?

NEVER pull the nail! It is very helpful if we can take an x-ray while the nail is still in to see if it hit any vital parts of the hoof. Keep the horse as comfortable as possible by limiting movement and adding extra shavings to the stall for more cushion.



Once we come out, we will take an x-ray to determine the next course of action. Sometimes it's as simple as a tetanus booster. In more serious cases, the horse may need to come in for IV medications and a regional limb perfusion. This is a process where a high concentration of antibiotics is injected directly into the vein close to the hoof. This is done for a few days in a row to avoid further infection of the hoof. But, most importantly, call us immediately and don't pull the nail.

In The News... This summer we have seen an outbreak of EHM, the neurological form of Rhino, in horses. The outbreak started in Utah at National Cutting Horse Association Championship. As of June 23, 2011, there have been 90 confirmed cases out of the 2,106 exposed horses. Of these cases, 13 have died or were euthanized. There is no treatment for EHM; only supportive care can be administered to a positive horse. For more information on this disease, how it is spread, and what precautions you should take when traveling or showing your horse, visit the In The News section of our website (www.deerfieldvetclinic.com) and view the brochure. However, at this time, the USDA considers this disease threat to be contained as there have been no new cases since June 8.



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Laughter Is The Best Medicine

Bizarre Real Life Animal Laws Part V

- In Palding, Ohio, a police officer may bite a dog to quiet it down.
- In Nevada, it is illegal to drive a camel on the highway.
- While visiting Alaska, you are not allowed to look at a moose from an airplane.
- A little closer to home...in Hartford, Connecticut, it is illegal to educate a dog. (Maybe they don't have agility training there?)