

Spring 2010 Newsletter

Office Hours - Mon, Tues, Thurs - 8:30-5:00 211 McQuay Rd., RR#3 Yarker, On. K0K 3N0 Wed - 8:30-7, Fri - 8:30-4, Sat - 10-1:00

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Spring Issues for Dogs & Cats:

Pups Parvovirus causes severe vomiting and bloody diarrhea and it can be easily prevented by vaccinating the mother prior to breeding. Parvovirus is highly contagious and fatal to pups.

Kittens often have ear mites and fleas. Also all puppies and kittens can be born with worms.

Ticks: Did you know that ticks are carriers of Lyme disease (a bacterial infection). Signs of Lyme disease are intermittent lameness with sore joints. **Did your dog or cat get ticks last year or the year before?** Testing is done first, before treating and vaccines are available for dogs living or visiting tick infested areas. Tick prevention is done for 9 months March to November. People can also get ticks from wooded areas on farms, campground, parks, etc.

Fleas: Did you know that one adult flea can produce 25,000 eggs in 30 days? Flea prevention is done for 7 months April 1 to November 1. We have great products here! **Heartworm – dogs mostly:** Did you know that Heartworm grows in the blood vessels of the lungs and heart and it is spread by mosquitoes? Did you know that heartworm is a tropical disease originally and that dogs travelling to Florida in the winter brought it here years ago? Heartworm prevention is done for 6 months mid-May to November 1. We recommend doing a blood test every other year before giving the preventative medication.

Are there different kinds of medications? Yes. There are different products in combination available to prevent heartworm, fleas, ticks as well as other parasites (ie. worms, ear mites, mange). Call us to discover what is best for your pet(s).

Spring Issues for Cattle, Sheep & Goats:

The hay this winter is poorer in quality which leads to nutritional deficiencies. To prevent birthing problems an energy source such as grain/corn or a molasses protein/mineral lick should be available. Thin cows, ewes or does, especially with multiple fetuses, can have trouble delivering and will have reduced milk production for the offspring. Also any ewe or doe with 2 or more babies inside can get pregnancy disease in the last 2 to 3 weeks before lambing, kidding. Older cows, ewes and does can get low calcium (milk fever). These are fatal if not treated quickly.

Clostridial Vaccines (blackleg): We recommended that all cattle under 2 years of age be vaccinated for blackleg twice (repeat in 4 weeks) before being put out to pasture for the summer. Pregnant ewes should be vaccinated at least 2 weeks before lambing to pass antibodies to their lambs in the colostrum.

Spring Issues for Horses, Ponies & Donkeys:

Equine vaccines vary depending on individual preferences of the owner. Call us to get the options. Other concerns are floating teeth, scratching, rain rot, hoof trimming and deworming.

Explore our New Website at www.lanvet.com : First time users need to do the following in order to re-visit the website, add pet photos or just browse through

Pet Health - interesting articles and videos. Video examples: puppy or kitten care, how to get a urine sample, how to give pills, nutrition, behaviour, ear problems, anal glands, allergies, dental cleaning/brushing, seizures, plus many other topics you choose to explore. **Client login** - grey box on the top right.- Next box: *New to our Website* (red) and go to [create your clinic profile](#). - Next screen – clinic password is **'lane'** click login.- Enter client and pet information – answer the questions.- The next screen asks you to login with your email address & password.

Veterinary Financing: The PetCard

Good news for pet owners and farmers! Once approved, this card covers up to \$1,000.00 in veterinary fees. This may be helpful for clients with multiple pets / livestock that may encounter unexpected surgeries, illness, lacerations, dentistry, etc. For further information call 1-888-689-9876 or visit their website at www.petcard.ca

Fire Numbers & Street Name:

It is now a requirement by Canada Post that you receive your mail with fire numbers and street names on it. Please call us with this information, so we may update our records!

“Congratulations to the winners!”

New Patients of the Month...

November - “Rhona” Adam, Yarker December - “Hannah” Crook, Odessa

January - “Puss & Boots” Dressler, Enterprise February - “Walter” Carey, Odessa

Calving of the Month...

November - Murray Marlin, Enterprise December - Jim Fenwick, Yarker

January - Keith Orser, Verona February - Bob Allison, Kingston

“Prevention is the best medicine!”