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Farm Emergency Service by App't.

Pets age faster than humans – 7 years to 1 of ours.

Here's a question for you: Would you go 7 years without seeing your doctor?

Older pets, over 8 years of age, should be seen twice a year. New health issues can develop unnoticed such as heart, liver and kidney disease as well as diabetes. A chest X-ray is needed to view the size of the heart and the condition of the lungs. A urine test will catch early signs of kidney problems and diabetes. To collect urine from a dog, you can use a long handled soup ladle. It is best to get the first urine of the day, prior to feeding your dog. Please pick up a sterile urine container and special non-absorbent kitty litter here beforehand for your cat. Blood and urine tests can be done here, as well as Radiology, for fast same day results.

New Specialized Life Stage Pet Foods are available at the clinic for small and large breed dogs. These include dental and weight loss diets, which is a very nice enhancement for all ages, especially for puppies. All the small breed foods have dental and urinary protection with tiny kibble. The large breed foods also have ingredients for joint health with larger kibble. The new cat foods feature three choices for older cats depending on their needs: thin, overweight or in between. There is also a great diet for cats to prevent constipation. Call us for more info!

Update on Laser Therapy: Did you know that it is used on both pets and farm animals?

1. Laser Therapy is a therapeutic approach to treating pain, inflammation and edema (swelling).
2. How does Laser Therapy work?
It dilates blood vessels, which carry de-oxygenated blood away from the infected area and brings in freshly oxygenated blood, helping the area heal faster.
3. What conditions can Laser Therapy assist with?
It helps with wounds, abscesses, hot spots, lick granuloma, acute/chronic anal glands, ligament tears, arthritis, joint/stifle issues, hip dysplasia, tendonitis, ringworm, insect bites, burns, healing of the incision after any surgery and post-dental extractions, plus much more.
4. Does my animal need to be shaved first? No
5. How long after treatment will I see improvement?
Laser therapy can result in pain relief improved mobility, after as little as one treatment.
6. How often is it done?
A treatment schedule is generally every 2 days for 6 treatments, then monthly; however it will vary depending on the problem being addressed.

Lyme Disease is in this area. Protect your dog with Lyme Vaccine, Lyme blood testing, flea and tick products, plus Tick Twisters. Tick Twisters can be used to remove ticks on people, too!

Recent comments from our online survey:

1. "Big town service in a country setting - excellent!"
2. "I like Dr. Lane. He always pays close attention to my dogs...he really tries to look at your pet as if it was his own and always has a smile for the animal. I always come away thinking that he really likes his job..." (Many more comments are available to read on our bulletin board.)

Website update: new user friendly format in September, go to www.lanevetservices.ca.
Email us at info@lanevetservices.ca to get newsletters, health reminders and surveys online.

Did you know? The only dog breeds that don't have pink tongues are the Chow & Shar Pei.

Did you know? The smell of a skunk can be detected by a human a mile away.

Cattle News:

Cattle need mineral with a Calcium/ Phosphorus ratio of 1:1. It should be in a palpable form. It may cost more, but an adequate intake of 2-3 ounces/head/day will help improve conception rates. Mineral can also be mixed with loose salt at 1 part salt to 4 parts mineral. Fresh water next to the mineral feeder will improve consumption. A salt block by itself is not enough.

The extreme hot weather can play havoc on pregnant cows, causing them to abort or absorb fetuses. This may explain the extended calving season. Also pastures are poor this year, watch body condition of your cattle and feed hay and protein tubs as needed. Other issues we see during the summer are pinkeye, foot rot from damaging the soft tissue between toes causing acute lameness and maggots. Calves with diarrhea can attract flies. Watch out for tail switching.

We see a few cases of Summer Pneumonia each year. This is more common in calves, but it can occur in cows as well. Usually calves are found dead on pasture or down and breathing hard, dying shortly after. This can be reduced or prevented by vaccinating with a shipping fever product.

We also see cases of Blackleg each year, usually in late summer. This occurs normally in a wet season. Calves between the ages of 3 months to 2 years ingest the bacteria and it goes into muscles and remains dormant until the muscle is bruised. Next the bacteria grow and produce toxin which kills the calf within 24 hours. Again this costly disease can be prevented by vaccinating calves from 2 weeks of age up to 2 years old every year.

Equine News:

Horses are prone to injury and those wounds that are deep or large, take a long time to heal over—resulting in the development of proud flesh. Laser Therapy is used to improve the circulation in the damaged tissues, which greatly speeds healing. Any horse can get Tetanus from a wound and therefore require an annual Tetanus shot, as well as Rabies vaccine.

Horses and Red Maple Leaves! As little as one pound of dried maple leaves in your pasture can be toxic to your horse. When ingested the leaves result in a severe hemolytic anemia. This is the rupture of the red blood cells, causing weakness, pale gums, an elevated heart rate and shock.

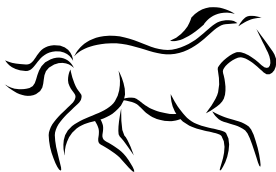
Attention to all Sheep & Goat Owners:

There is a new system of parasite control, using the Famacha Anemia Guide. To become trained, please book an app't at the clinic. We now have a different wormer available for those farms that are experiencing worm resistance problems.

Also please have mineral and salt available to all sheep and goats, not just a salt block.

Ear Tags: All animals must be tagged before they leave the farm and for the Veterinarian records on sick animals. The pink tags are still good. You can buy tags from the local feed mills.

“Congratulations to the New Patient and Birthing of the Month winners!”



“Prevention is the best medicine!”

