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1st Publication!

Heritage Pet Hospital is pleased to announce the first edition of our quarterly clinic newsletter! This fun and fact filled newsletter is written strictly by the staff at Heritage Pet Hospital. We hope that you enjoy this publication and we would love to hear your feedback on this project.

In order to keep a true perspective of one's importance, everyone should have a dog that will worship him and a cat that will ignore him.

Derek Bruce

DENTAL DISEASE IN PETS

It is estimated that 90% of pets over 2 years of age have significant mouth disease. Dental disease can lead to serious health issues. When your pet comes in to HPH for a dental procedure, they are placed under anesthesia. The inner and outer portions of the mouth are thoroughly examined for mobile teeth, bone loss, swelling or masses of the face or gum line and other indications of decay. We use an ultrasonic scaler, which vibrates at a low speed to remove tartar and plaque. We then are equipped to take dental radiographs of any problem teeth found on oral examination. We check for pockets, infection, bone loss or root problems. If there is evidence of disease, those teeth may have to be extracted using a high powered drill and dental elevators. The teeth

are then polished and a fluoride treatment is applied. Your pet will be put on antibiotics and pain medications depending on the severity of dental disease. We encourage at home prevention and instructions will be given at discharge. The staff at HPH is trained in many aspects of veterinary dentistry and can treat all stages of dental disease. Our first priority, however, is prevention. Without proper dental care, your pet can develop plaque, tartar and bacteria that all cause gums to become red, irritated and swollen. This condition is called gingivitis. When there's gingivitis, there is bacteria. Bacteria can travel through the bloodstream and cause damage to major organs. Come see us today so that we can evaluate your pet's dental status and

make a plan for dental care and treatment in the clinic and at home.

Written by: Amy Meier & Deb Bahr





The wisest mind has something yet to learn.

George Santayana
1863-1952

Staff Attended NAVC

Every year, HPH sends 2-3 staff members to the North American Veterinary Conference in Orlando, FL. This conference is a week long event full of multiple continuing education seminars to help full-fill our staff's education obligation for CE credits.

As a staff, we take this

responsibility very seriously, so that we can keep up-to-date on the most advanced veterinary medicine. We've also sent staff this year to the Minnesota Veterinary Medical Association Conference and multiple CE events throughout the year. We provide each staff member with a CE

allowance to enable them to attend these events, since it is a priority of ours to keep our staff well-educated and licensed. This empowers our staff to provide the best care possible for your pets.

DID YOU KNOW.....



Did you know that Heritage Pet Hospital donates to Paws-N-Claws and Camp Companion every year. Each month, we perform 2 spays or neuters free of charge for Paws-N-Claws, and last year we performed a total of 12 free spays/neuters for Camp Companion.

Heritage Pet Hospital also donates funds and items to many area non-profit organizations such as the American Cancer Society, the Rochester Youth Soccer Association, Rochester Park and Rec., Special Olympics, Seasons

Hospice, American Red Cross, Early Risers Exchange Club, Rochester Central Lutheran and St. Pius.

We hope to be able to continue these efforts to support our community.

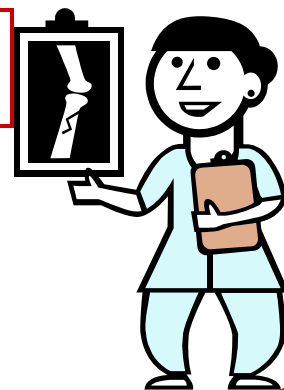
What is heartworm disease?

Answer: Heartworm disease is one of the major health problems of dogs in the United States and throughout the temperate and tropical areas of the world. As well as being found in dogs and other species, it is now being found in cats in ever increasing numbers. The disease develops when a pet becomes infected with parasites called *Dirofilaria immitis* that are transmitted through the bite of an infected mosquito. Dogs may be infected by a few or up to several hundred heartworms. Cats are similarly infected although usually by only a few worms. Heartworm infection often leads to severe lung disease and heart failure and can damage other organs in the body as well.

This information is from the American Heartworm Association

DIGITAL RADIOGRAPHY

Heritage Pet Hospital is pleased to announce that our clinic is now equipped with a Digital Radiography System. Digital Radiography allows us to process radiographs quickly, produce higher quality images and use teleradiography services easily.



HERITAGE PET HOSPITAL STAFF

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| Laura Toddie, DVM | Veterinarian / Owner | Maria Larson, CVT | Certified Veterinary Tech. |
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Amy, CVT

Amy is a Certified Veterinary Technician and has been with Heritage since October of 2007. You have probably seen her every time you visit Heritage since she's ALL over the clinic performing various tasks. Amy has a very strong work ethic and takes pride in her position here. Her special areas of interest are in dentistry and radiology. Chances are, if you've had your pet's teeth cleaned or treated, Amy's been involved in some way. Amy also loves spending time in the exam rooms with clients and their pets; educating owners at every possible moment. She is passionate about what she does each day at Heritage and it shows in her work. Amy shares her home with her fiancé Dave, and her 3 dogs and 1 cat. In her spare time she enjoys shooting in pool league, camping, hiking, fishing and dog sitting.

When asked:

- Who would play you in a movie of your life? **Jane Seymour or Drew Barrymore**
- What movie character would you most like to be in real life? **Abby from Navy NCIS**
- What could you do on David Letterman's stupid human tricks? **I can blow bubbles from under my tongue.**
- What can most people do that you cannot? **Can't roll my tongue**



Deb, CVT, CVPM

Deb has been with Heritage since October of 2003 as the Practice Manager. You probably have not seen as much of her in the clinic as she spends A LOT of time in her office! Deb worked for Heritage as a Certified Veterinary Technician from 1992—1997 and left to explore other avenues in veterinary medicine. Management was the direction she took and she enjoys every minute of it! Deb's favorite part of her job is working in Human Resources; making sure all of the employees are taken care of and are empowered to grow and learn in their positions. "We're a great big family here at Heritage and focusing on teamwork is my number one priority". Deb shares her home with her husband, Brian, 3 children (all boys), 2 dogs and 4 cats. In her spare time she enjoys.....sleeping!

When asked:

- Who would play you in a movie of your life? **Jenny McCarthy or Helen Hunt**
- What movie character would you most like to be in real life? **Bella Swan**
- What could you do on David Letterman's stupid human tricks? **Do the Camel Cigarette camel impression**
- What can most people do that you cannot? **Change a flat tire**



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