



## Anderson Animal Hospital and Wellness Center

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We need to congratulate **Dr. Rita McKay, DVM, CVA(IVAS), COAC** as she spent the past year becoming qualified with the College of Animal Chiropractors through the Chiropractic Learning Center based in Brantford, Ontario and is now a **Certified Veterinary Chiropractic**. You may not know but in 2008 she was certified for **Veterinary Acupuncture** (is still an active member of the IVAS) and in 2009 became a **Certified Veterinary Food Therapist** through the Chi Institute in Florida. With an interest in alternative and integrative veterinary medicine, she offers a complementary knowledge for our clients and the other veterinarians at our clinic.

The **renovations** are in the home stretch! Those who have lived through reno's at home know how disruptive it can be. We must commend our **entire staff** for working through the disruption while still maintaining our high quality of care and service! You may have noticed we now have a third exam room which is very exciting for us. The staff kitchen, grooming area, offices and new operating room/hospital ward have been finished. Now onto finishing the treatment room, expanding the reception area and creating the soft treatment room. We appreciate your continued understanding as we continue to work through this ongoing construction. The end is truly now in sight!

Our clinic's **Lyme/Anaplasmosis/Ehrlichiosis** (tick borne diseases) and **Heartworm** (mosquito transmitted) **positive test** count increased from 2010. We are seeing more & more dogs each year that test positive and require treatment. This is why it is important you take the time to bring your dog in for a quick blood test. **Lyme disease, Anaplasmosis and Ehrlichiosis** (which are diseases transmitted by ticks) are on the rise in Manitoba both in the city and in cottage country. All can be easily identified and treated if caught before your pet becomes ill. At **Anderson Animal Hospital and Wellness Center** we recommend **annual testing** (usually done in May) for these diseases. If the test is negative, we can then suggest specific preventative measures based on your dog's lifestyle so your dog stays safe and healthy!

New faces around the clinic? You bet! We are thrilled to have Registered Animal Health Technologists, **Pam** and **Kelly** on board. Up front we welcome **Heather** back from her maternity leave. **Dr. Saydack** we can officially welcome! She brings a wealth of experience and continuing education. Dr. Saydack's special interest in Heartworm/Lyme Disease, critical care/emergency medicine and internal medicine really complements the practice.

Our **website** has been years in the making and has made its debut. You can find us at **www.aahwc.com** where we have some great information, answers to your questions and a place you can get to know what we have to offer.

Please befriend us at **www.facebook.com/aahwc** for more 'up to the moment' news and views. Our new e-mail address is **info@aaahwc.com**. Lots of changes for 2012!