



Anderson Animal Hospital and Wellness Center



Spring 2012 Newsletter

Time to schedule your pets' groom! Our groomer Marlene is ready and waiting to get your pet gussied up for the nice weather.

As snow melts and grass appears, we are finding all those parasites that were frozen in the ice are now out in full force. We recommend a **fecal test** for your pet at least **once a year** (usually at your pet's Wellness Examination). This ensures your pet is parasite free, and makes sure the current parasite control regime your cat or dog is currently following is effective. Any household that has **children** and **pets** (dogs or outdoor cats) should consider year-round parasite control for their furry members. More and more parasites are being transmitted to us through our pets and urban wildlife (like fox or raccoons). Parasite eggs are commonly found in potting soil, sand boxes and gardens. Thorough hand washing is of course always recommended, but **kids** aren't always the most effective hand washers. Parasite control (easily administered in the form of a monthly tablet or spot on application) can really help protect your pet & the entire family from potentially lethal parasite infections.
www.petsandparasites.org

'Tis the season to start getting your quick and easy **Lyme/Heartworm Blood Test** for your dog or outdoor cat done! Just phone our clinic at **237-4555** and schedule your pet's test.

Dental month was a great success this year. Our technologists were very busy polishing, scaling and cleaning teeth which optimizes your pet's overall health in many positive ways. This year there were less advanced oral health care issues which means that our clients are brushing their pet's teeth, using a dental diet like Hill's t/d or bringing their pets in more regularly for dental cleanings. Great job all around!

Welcome **Heather M.** to our clinic as a Registered Animal Health Technologist newly graduated from the Red River College's Animal Health Technologist Program. Heather came to us as a student to do her practicum and we liked her so much we hired her full time. Welcome back **Liz**, who just completed her 3rd year as a Veterinary Student at the University of Saskatchewan's, Western College of Veterinary Medicine. We are thrilled to have her around for the summer as an active, learning member of our team. **Bonnie & Carly** (receptionists) are busy on their maternity leave looking after Gwendolyn and Amelia. **Dr. Drain** will be running in the Police Half Marathon and the Manitoba Marathon here in Winnipeg so we applaud her and cheer her on.

We hope everyone enjoys the amazing, perfect dog-walking weather! The Staff at AAHWC

