

Congratulations, Dr. Marty!

Dr. Marty Shafer is the new owner of Memorial Beach Veterinary Hospital. After 33 years, Dr. Chick Warner and Dr. Pat Humphrey have turned over the reins of ownership to their trusted, long-time associate.

"Dr. Marty has practiced shoulder-to-shoulder with us for over 10 years and has been intimately involved in the development of our mission statement, philosophy of compassionate and quality care, and service to our community."

Dr. Martha Shafer graduated from UC Davis in 2003 and completed an internship at a renowned large specialty practice before accepting an associate position at MBVH. Dr. Shafer quickly showed herself to

be an excellent communicator and a highly skilled clinician. She also brought a knowledge of exotic animal medicine to our practice.

Dr. Chick and Dr. Pat are not retiring and will continue to work alongside Dr. Marty for the foreseeable future.

Please congratulate Dr. Marty when you see her!

Dental Discount Month Extended

Due to high demand, we are extending Dental Discount Month through October. More and more pet owners are realizing the benefits of dental care and that pets can live up to 20% longer if they receive this care throughout their lives. Dental care has probably extended more lives and alleviated more suffering than any other advance in veterinary medicine in the last several years.

Because oral health deteriorates gradually, many of us do not recognize the effect it is having on our pets until after dental care has been given.

In September and October, we are making it easy for you to provide the dental care that your pet deserves.

All dental cleanings and associated anesthesia are 50% off Monday through Friday during this promotion.

Please call now for your appointment as spaces are limited. Check out the video on memorialbeachvet.com to see how our dentals are performed.

Edibles



Our society's experimentation with marijuana, both medical and recreational, has resulted in some unwanted problems with our pets as well as children.

Edibles are food substances that are infused with the active ingredients in marijuana, known as cannabinoids. Most edibles are dessert-like treats such as brownies, candy, or lollipops that dogs find very attractive. The problem is that dogs can easily eat multiple treats resulting in doses that are well beyond toxic. Chocolate can also be toxic to dogs, so they may present with both issues at once.

Affected dogs are generally very lethargic but may be agitated, dribble urine, and often cannot walk. Seizures or coma can be seen.

Treatment for such dogs includes induction of vomiting or stomach pumping if the ingestion was recent, activated charcoal to absorb toxins from the intestines, IV fluids to help the elimination of toxins and support organ function, and close monitoring of heart rate, blood pressure, etc. At times, advanced procedures like intravenous emulsified lipids or intubation and assisted ventilation may be required.

If there are edibles in your household, please be sure that they are stored and treated like the serious medication that they are.



Happy "tales" from your friends at Memorial Beach Vet Hospital