



Country Doctor

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to address the tick issue. For right now suffice it to say that they are here, yet most of the county's residents don't have to deal with them yet. I will keep you posted on the tick wars!

-Charlie Curie, DVM

Congratulations!!!

Carly and Jason had a big surprise in July when their son, Dylan, was born a month early. He is a healthy baby boy and growing fast.



I am excited and proud to welcome you to the freshly redesigned Country Doctor Web site! Dr. Veale, Amy and Sue have worked very hard to create a user friendly site that is both educational and fun.

As the founder and owner of the Country Doctor it was very important to me that this site be about education first and foremost. We are here to teach people about their pets and how to better care for them. Our mission is to enhance the quality and quantity of life for all whom we touch! Next it had to be interesting and fun. The development team has met both of these criteria.

The previous site was indeed a good one but I firmly believe that good is the enemy of great. It is our continuous goal to operate a great veterinary practice and the web site needed to be updated to reflect what we are really about.

Thank you for visiting us on the web. We all look forward to seeing you in person at the clinic. If there is anything at all that I can personally do for you or your pets, please contact be through the clinic by phone or email.

I have spent my life observing, studying and otherwise simply enjoying animals and nature in general. It has been very apparent that every thing has a cycle and all things that happen in the natural world are greatly influenced by season and weather patterns. The awesome power of nature affects all domestic animals (and us) in the same fashion as it does the wild creatures.

This phenomenon is playing out right now before our eyes. The spring and summer of 2010 have been exceptionally warm and humid. This weather pattern has done two things that are quite obvious to all of us "observers". Fleas, oh my Gosh the fleas! Heat and humidity drive the flea cycle and this is one of the worst flea seasons I can remember in my 32 years of practice!

Allergies, allergies, allergies! It seems as though this is about all we have done this summer and it will surely continue into the late fall. Itchy dogs, sneezing/coughing cats, blurry eyed clients.....all because of the heat and humidity driving up the pollen counts.

One more interesting natural phenomenon is also happening. Ticks, Ticks, Ticks!!!!!! They arrived in Conneaut 3 years ago and have now marched across the lakefront to Geneva and are moving south. The primary host for the tick is the white tailed deer. As the deer herd expands so does the tick population.

I was born and raised in Ashtabula County and this is the first major tick event I know of. They are here to stay. In a few years we will all have