



Hours of Operation

Mon—Wed: 8am—6pm Thurs: 8am—8pm
Fri: 8am—5pm Sat: 8am—Noon
24-Hour Emergency On-Call 7 Days a Week

Dear Friends,

For those of you who have come into the clinic lately, you may have noticed a few new faces. We have hired some fresh team members to help us with our goal of offering high quality service to all our patients and clients. For a brief introduction, just turn the page. Unfortunately, we had to say good-bye to Jodi, who was very helpful to us during the beginning stages of Deerfield Veterinary Clinic. However, she will be continuing her career at New England Equine Center in Dover. We wish her the best of luck for her future!



On another note, autumn is upon us. We have included a few cute pictures of Elayna from last year's Halloween. She was the most adorable skunk we've ever seen! We wish everyone the best of luck at the Deerfield Fair and we hope to see you there. We will not have a booth this year, but we will be around as Dr. George will be helping to check in many of the animals. Because of this, we will be closed from Wednesday, September 27 through Saturday, September 30. We will still continue to take emergency calls during this time.



Thank you so much for your continued support and please feel free to stop by anytime to say Hi.

Sincerely,
Simon, Jenni, and Elayna George

Who's Taking Care of Your Horse's Smile?



Does your horse have trouble eating? Do you find a lot of feed on the ground at meal times? Is your normally healthy horse losing weight despite eating well? If you say yes to any or these questions, your horse may need an oral exam. Did you know that your horse chews for over 20 hours a day? That's a lot of wear on those teeth that can result in sharp points that damage the cheeks and gums. These points can be easily removed by "floating" which involves using a sharp rasp to file down such problem areas. And you thought your visit to the dentist was bad! As you may be able to guess, many horses are less than cooperative with teeth floating. As a licensed veterinarian, Dr. George is able to use sedation which allows for a more comprehensive exam of not just the teeth, but of the gums, cheeks, and tongue. Sedation also helps to make the experience a little nicer (and safer) for your horse, you, and Dr. George. Dr. George has had additional training in equine dentistry that allows him to perform routine dental work and advanced procedures including bit seats and tooth extractions. We recommend that adult horses receive yearly dental exams and horses over 20 years of age get oral exams every six months. These can help to prevent dental diseases that lead to health problems and poor performance.

New Faces of DVC

We have three fresh faces here at Deerfield Veterinary Clinic: Allison, Casie, and Kayla.

- Allison (right in picture) came to us from Mt. Ida, a four-year veterinary technician program in Newton, MA. She is a Certified Veterinary Technician who enjoys working with large and small animals.
- Casie (left in picture) is a pre-veterinary student at Colby Sawyer in New London, NH where she is a member of the track team. Casie looks forward to applying to veterinary schools in two years.
- Kayla (middle in picture) just got accepted into the Great Bay Community College veterinary technician program. She has a lot of experience with horses and spent a summer teaching riding lessons to children.



For more information on our newest team members, please visit our website at www.deerfieldvetclinic.com and look at the staff section. Above all else, the people we hire for DVC must share our compassion for providing quality care for your animals, plus have a lot of energy and enthusiasm. We think we've been lucky to find that in the three young ladies.

Halloween Safety Tips for Your Pets



If you decide to dress your pet in a costume, make sure it's lightweight and non-constricting. Don't use rubber bands to hold a costume on. And never force animals to wear a costume if they don't want to.



Walk your dog before little ghouls start their visits. Keep a firm grip on the leash, just in case, as many dogs get frightened of people in costumes.



While kids may want to share candy with their best furry friend, make sure you keep this from happening. Both chocolate and raisins can be very harmful to dogs.



Keep all pets inside on Halloween night, especially black cats.



Trick-or-treaters can cause a lot of loud noise and excitement which can cause even the calmest of pets to become frightened and aggressive. So, keep pets in a quiet room during the haunting hours if they start to act nervous.



Be careful with lit pumpkins and candles. Pets can knock them over and we've seen our own cats singe their tails a time or two. Keep all burning objects out of reach.



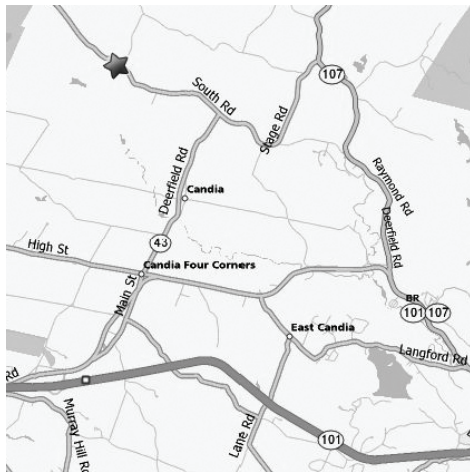
Make sure your pets are wearing up-to-date tags or identification in case they get loose.



Remember that Halloween is a time for fun, but animals don't understand what all the fuss is about. If you think there might be a problem, ask your vet if anything can be done to help beforehand.



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Laughter Is The Best Medicine

Bizarre Real Life Animal Laws

- It is illegal for hens to lay eggs between 8am and 4pm in Norfolk, Virginia.
- In New York, frogs may be taken from their ponds from June 16 to September 30, but only between sunrise and sunset.
- In Texas, it's illegal to put graffiti on someone else's cow.
- It is illegal to ride a mule down Lang, Kansas' Main Street in August, unless the animal is wearing a straw hat.