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# Paws for News!

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NEWSLETTER DATE

## Animal Hospital begins online newsletter.

We are continuing to try and find ways to get good educational material out to our clients. Many illnesses that we see on a daily basis can be prevented with regular check ups, parasite preventatives and personalized vaccination protocols.

We hope to be able to send this newsletter out once monthly. It will be a great source of accurate information about your pets health care and wellness. We hope you benefit from it and we invite you to send it to your friends or have them give us a call and we will get them in our emailing list. If at anytime you would like to stop receiving this newsletter you may call the office and be removed from the list.

**CONTACT US.** If you have any questions or would like us to write about something that you find interesting, let us know. We will research all the facts that are

hearing from you.

As you can see we have added a fourth veterinarian to our staff. Dr. Shannon Blair from Campbellsville joined us last winter and works in both the Burkesville and Columbia locations. We are open in Burkesville 8am-5pm Mon. Wed. & Fri. Our office hours in Columbia are 8am-5pm CST M-F and Saturdays 8am-Noon. There is always a Doctor on call to take care of emergencies. Dr. Feese is our Large Animal Veterinarian. Dr. Campbell has a special interest in Orthopedic surgery. Dr. Rexroat has special interests in eyes, ears and dermatology. Dr. Blair's special interest is internal medicine. Overall we really balance each



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presented and cover the story here so that the most accurate information from our profession is published here in your newsletter. We look forward to

## Dr. Shannon Blair joins the team.

We would like to officially welcome Campbellsville native, Dr. Shannon Blair to the Adair Co. Animal Hospital. Dr. Blair has been a member of our team for 10 months. We are fortunate to have added a Veterinarian of this caliber to our roster. Dr. Blair was born and raised in Taylor

County. She graduated from Taylor County High School in 1997 and attended WKU for 4 years to earn a Bachelor of Science degree. She then attended Tuskegee University for 4 years and completed the Doctoral program of Veterinary Medicine in 2005. She is a member of the

AVMA. Dr. Blair is the wife of Andrew Blair. She is the daughter of Madonna Russell and Richard and Regena Russell all of Campbellsville. She is the granddaughter of the late Olan and Frances Hall of Campbellsville, the late Truman Russell of Liberty, and the late Virginia and Archie Read of Campbellsville.



What a cute little boy!

*“The reason a dog has so many friends is that he wags his tail instead of his tongue.”*  
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Boarding available .  
Magnus loves it here.



## We want your pets picture.

Last November we changed to electronic medical records. This program allows us to check you pets medical history even if you call us at home. Just as in human medicine, electronic medical records or “paper light” systems allow for more accurate communication of medical history from doctor

to doctor. As many of you may have noticed you get a copy of all of the test results and medical history compiled the day of your visit. This also helps you keep better records at home for your pet.

We would like to add pictures of all of our patients to their medical

files. If you are interested in having your favorite photo show up on their medical charts please send the picture to us.

Email them to [adaircountyanimalhospital@yahoo.com](mailto:adaircountyanimalhospital@yahoo.com).

## Professional Teeth Cleaning

Dr. Blair has a personal family testimonial. “I recently cleaned my in-laws' Schnauzer, Sophie’s teeth. Previous to the Dental Cleaning, she had not been eating as well and had yelped one day after her mouth was manipulated. On her pre-anesthetic exam, I noted one tooth that was hanging on by one root (out of 3 total) and several more that had extensive bone loss from excessive Tartar and Gingivitis. We cleaned her teeth and extracted 2 (a molar & a premolar). We were able to save 2 other premolars by surrounding the roots with a strong antibiotic. She was sent home with oral pain medication, antibiotics, and a strict order of TLC. A week later she was acting like a puppy, eating like a horse, playing more, and just felt better overall!”

This is just one of many post-op success stories of a much needed Dental Cleaning. Come let us see if your Pet needs some Dental attention.

## Boarding and Grooming

Both the Columbia and Burkesville locations offer grooming.

We offer boarding at the Columbia office. Basic vaccinations are required. (Rabies, DHLPPv and Kennel

cough.) We also offer playtime and baths. Large kennels can be reserved for small dogs if desired.

We give all of our boarders and patients a Capstar (24 hour flea pill) or Comfortis (30 day flea pill upon request) upon arrival, making us a FLEA FREE environment. Tours of

our hospital / boarding facility are available upon request.

We also have cat condos for our feline friends.

# Holiday Safety (Halloween)



Holiday season is upon us, and while the celebrations often bring cheer to humans, the holidays hold many dangers for our pets. Here are some simple tips to ensure your holidays aren't interrupted by

- a visit to our emergency room.
- Trick or Treat!** Halloween
- \* Be sure your pets don't sample the Halloween candy. Chocolate is toxic to dogs, and xylitol, an artificial sweetener found in many mints and gum, is toxic as well. Candy wrappers can be dangerous obstructions.
  - \* The continuous ringing of the doorbell, heralding the arrival

of excited children in scary costumes, is very stressful for many dogs. Consider keeping your pet safe in a back room during trick or treating hours.

- \* Halloween can be a time of terrible pranks. Be sure to keep pets safely indoors.
- \* If your dog has an outgoing personality and you want to take him along while trick or treating, be sure he is wearing identification, and keep him on a leash.

*“Your kidding—there’s no holiday for the inventor of the can opener?”*

# Holiday Safety (Thanksgiving/Christmas)

- ◆ Rich, fatty foods can be treacherous for pets. Ingesting even small amounts of some foods can lead to digestive distress or pancreatitis.
- ◆ Alcohol is toxic to pets, and sweet drinks like eggnog can be tempting for them. Be sure to keep all alcohol out of your pets' reach.
- ◆ Chocolate, raisins and grapes are all toxic.
- ◆ Mistletoe and several other plants can be toxic. For more information, see <http://www.aspca.org/pet-care/poison-control/plants>
- ◆ Pets often find Christmas trees irresistible. If you've added preservatives to the water, be

sure your pet can't drink it. Glittering tinsel is enticing to cats, but can cause potentially fatal obstructions if they ingest it, as can ornaments, garland, ribbons and bows. Wrapped pet gifts may be detected by your pets' superior sense of smell and unwrapped without you, or worse, eaten along with the wrapper.

# Pancreatitis

The pancreas is a small organ that has two major functions: to produce insulin to aid in the absorption of glucose and other carbohydrates, and to produce enzymes which aid in the absorption of fats and proteins. An inflammation of the pancreas is called pancreatitis. Pancreatitis can be acute or chronic, and while acute cases tend to be more severe, they may also resolve.

Symptoms in dogs include lack of appetite, vomiting, weakness, abdominal pain, dehydration and diarrhea. Clinical signs in cats are less specific, and include lethargy, lack of appetite, dehydration, vomiting, and abdominal pain. Pancreatitis is often very painful for pets, and can lead to fatal side effects, so do not let the symptoms go unheeded. Most cases of pancreatitis are idio-

pathic, meaning the cause is unknown. In dogs, dietary indiscretion is one of the most common risk factors. Diagnosis based partially on history (especially dietary indiscretion, vomiting, and abdominal pain) along with blood work. Treatment of acute pancreatitis is supportive, including fluid therapy and monitoring. Pets with pancreatitis should be changed to a low fat diet.



**Thanksgiving Fiasco**



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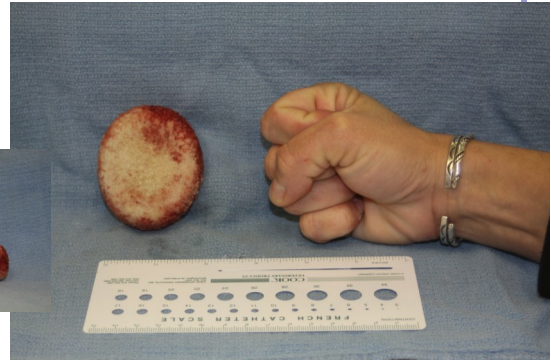
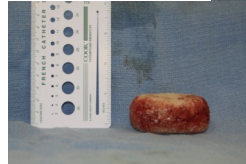
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# Mycoplasmal Mastitis

Mycoplasmal mastitis is potentially a highly contagious disease that can cause severe economic problems in affected herds. *Mycoplasma bovis* has also been associated with abortion, infertility, arthritis, pinkeye, ear infections, pneumonia and abscesses. Cows diagnosed as positive for *Mycoplasma* should be considered positive for life.

Cows of all ages and at any stage of lactation as well as dry cows are susceptible. In lactating cows, then "classic" signs include:

- Severe mastitis that doesn't respond to treatment
- More than one quarter is affected (sometimes all four)
- Marked drop in milk production
- Abnormal milk (varies from

watery milk with a few clots to very thick) although some do not show abnormal color or pus.

- Cow often continues to eat and drink normally
- Chronic cow's milk is tan colored with "sandy" or flaky sediment



Contact Dr. Feese with any questions; 384-6113, 250-2564

- May see lameness/swollen joints due to arthritis. Occasional pneumonia.
- Some cows go dry due to the mastitis but those that continue their lactation have less milk, high cell counts, and can shed the *Mycoplasma* organism intermittently throughout her lifetime.

It is important to remember that mastitis will have a unique presentation on each farm independent of the organism causing it. Therefore diagnosis cannot be based on clinical signs alone.

For more information about Mycoplasmal Mastitis please see our website; [www.adairanimalhospital.com](http://www.adairanimalhospital.com)