

News Letter Fall 2011

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Trash Exploration: Trash hunting is a game played by pets to alleviate boredom when you are away. **What to do?**1. Dogs love to be rewarded with treats. There are some awesome toys out there that you can fill with treats or kibble. They can roll it, toss it, shake it and chase it! Your dog needs that kind of play and stimulation even more than the food. The key is in the hunt; not as much in the treasure!2. Keep the lid to the garbage bin closed tightly + empty it often to reduce temptation from odours.3. Retraining: this should be done for at least two weeks, which is the amount of time it will take to re-imprint forgotten behaviour and form new good habits. If possible have your dog by your side and teach him/her to listen, sit and lie down - to change the focus to things other than garbage. Good Luck! **Festive Household**

Hazards: With holidays approaching, we need to pay more attention to things our pets can get into that may be harmful to their health!**Electrical Cords:** These can be fascinating toys for very energetic dogs and cats. If the cord is plugged in and your pet chews through it; they could suffer a severe burn to the mouth or electrical shock requiring immediate veterinary attention.**Christmas Gifts:** Everyone loves to open presents even pets, so keep a close eye on what may go into their mouth. They could swallow the wrappings, parts of a box or even the gift itself. This could result in an obstruction in the intestines requiring surgery to remove foreign particles. Common objects found are string, beads, lego, balls, bones and socks.**Other Hazards:** chocolate and candies, poisonous plants - like poinsettias, turkey bones from your festive dinners, etc. If your pet is vomiting, has diarrhea or is lethargic - call the clinic ASAP.

Question: How can I locate all of the cat or dog urine on my carpet?

Answer: By using a black light, the urine shows up as a fluorescent colour.

No One is Perfect!We are launching a **client survey program**. Shortly after your visit here for products or services, you will be sent a brief survey by email. We would greatly appreciate it, if you took a few minutes to answer up to 10 simple questions about the most recent experience you had at our clinic. Please be honest – we can always improve the veterinary care provided to you and your animals. Call or email us with your current email address to become part of this new program. Thank you! Explore our website to get more details on any topic of interest to you: www.lanevetservices.ca email: info@lanevetservices.ca

Page 2 **Cattle News: Questions arise about live and killed vaccines for calves prior to sale.** **Live vaccines** last longer and do not require a booster. However they cannot be given to the calf nursing a pregnant cow, if the cow has not been vaccinated with a live vaccine. Weaned calves given a live vaccine cannot use the same water supply as non vaccinated pregnant cows for at least 2 weeks after vaccination. Open cows vaccinated with a live vaccine are protected for up to 17 months and then require an annual live vaccine, which can be given anytime during pregnancy. **Killed vaccines** are safe when given to calves nursing pregnant cows, but they require a booster 2-4 weeks later. **Vaccinations should be complete 3 weeks prior to sale day.** There are 4 main components given to calves prior to sale. These include IBR, BVD, BRSV and PI3. They aid in reducing the incidence of Bovine Respiratory Disease. There are other vaccines that can be added to these that help to prevent other less common respiratory diseases. Ask your buyer what is required for the feedlot. **Sheep and Goat News:** This year has been terrible for worms in both sheep and goats. One type of worm, *Haemonchus contortus* (barber pole worm) attaches to the stomach and sucks blood causing the animal to become anemic, weak with white inner eyelids and die. To see what the **eyelid colour** should be go to www.sheep101.info/201/parasite.html and look for the **Famacha card**. They also develop bottle jaw, swelling under the jaw. The life cycle of these worms is 3 weeks. Unfortunately, this year farmers found that some wormers were not effective. Individual ewes and does that are more resistant to worms should be the only ones selected for breeding stock. **Equine News: Attention:** deworm after a killing frost to get rid of **Bots**. They develop from the yellow eggs seen on the horse's legs. **Tetanus vaccine** should be given annually to horses and ponies as they can get tetanus from open wounds. When there is a cut, keeping the wound clean is essential as infection can develop quickly. Fresh cuts can be easily sutured, but older ones can not. **Laser therapy** can be done on fresh or older wounds; to speed healing and to help prevent the formation of proud flesh. This therapy gives an immediate improvement in the local circulation to the inflamed tissues. If your horse / pony is bleeding from a wound – stop the bleeding first, then call us for further assistance.

Cattle Pregnancy Check Special 5% off from now until December 31/11. These are done at > 40 days, after the bull is removed. There is a 5% chance that a pregnant cow will show a heat. Save the good feed for the producing cows and heifers!

“Congratulations to the winners!” New Patients of the Month... May - “Flip” Doucet, Odessa
 June - “Willow” Fenwick, Odessa July - “Cooper” Boon, Yarker
 August - “Violet” Cavanaugh, Odessa **Birth of the Month...** May - George Whaley, Perth Road
 June - Dan Garrett, Erinsville
 July - Donna & Thomas Bower, Yarker August – (none done)

Did you know that the tongue of a blue whale is as long as an elephant?

“Prevention is the best medicine!”