



# The Pet Gazette

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Meet Gino! This is Aimee's adorable kitten.

Hello everyone! Hope that you are all doing well and had a nice summer. We do have some new additions that we would like to share with you. Holly, one of our LVT's, is a first time dog owner! She now owns a beautiful Border Collie mix that she adopted from a rescue. Two other members of our team, Dr. Pair and Aimee, also adopted some stray kittens.

Some of you may have noticed some missing faces to our team. Mary Jo, who has worked here many years as a veterinary assistant, is no longer with us. She and her family have moved to Texas. We will miss her very much as I'm sure will most of you. Alli is another face that is still here, just not seen as much. You can still see her on some Saturday's, but she is no longer working during the week.

## Employee Spotlight

Dr. Pair joined our team in 2005. She did her undergraduate work at Grand Valley State University and graduated from Michigan State University College of Veterinary Medicine in 2002. Her special interests in veterinary medicine are challenging internal medicine cases and doing both cardiac and abdominal ultrasounds. Dr. Pair is the only doctor at our practice that does the ultrasounds.

Outside of work, Dr. Pair keeps busy chasing after her 3 year old daughter, Caitlyn. She and her husband are also proud parents of seven furry uniquely named animals. They have two dogs and five cats. They have a Golden Retriever named Borrelia



and a Rottweiler named Lady Beaujolais (Jolais for short). Their five cats are named Captain Cuzzles, Doctor Loomis, Mustaffa Akaad, Sir Wexley, and Purr Snickety. She also enjoys cross stitching, watching movies (scary ones in particular), and scrap booking.

**Protect your Pet!**  
We have seen an increase in heartworm disease in our area. There has been around 65 reported cases in dogs just in this last year! Please make sure that your pet is protected by keeping them on a monthly heartworm preventative. If you have any questions on heartworm disease or how to prevent it, please call our office.

## Online Pet Pharmacies

We have a lot of clients asking us about online pharmacies for their pets. We are willing to write a prescription for your pet, but would like to inform you about things you should be aware of.

1. There is a possibility that the prescription drugs received from these vendors may be counterfeit and may not be approved by the FDA. This has occurred in the past and could cause problems for your pet.
2. You may not have your pet's prescription drugs available soon enough to start at the optimal time to provide relief for his/her condition.

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3. As a provider of your pets care, our medical records keep track of all drugs dispensed by us to you. When you purchase your prescriptions elsewhere our computer tracking system is not activated to print instructions for use or risks of adverse effects. It also does not send reminders for follow up exams or lab tests that may be needed to monitor results or adverse reactions.

4. When prescription products are purchased elsewhere, our staff members are not available to teach you how to administer them.

5. The number of tablets or capsules, milligram size of the unit, volume and/or concentration of liquid, and number of authorized refills may differ from that prescribed by our doctors.

6. Manufacturer rebates that would ordinarily be available for products purchased from this facility generally will not be available.

7. The manufacturer's warranty or guarantee for these products may not be valid. This means if your pet's condition is not effectively treated,

manufacturers may not stand behind their products or product liability procedures. Additionally, the owners and doctors at this facility will be unable to assist you in claims against those manufacturers.

We do understand and empathize with the desire to find products cheaper. We know that several online pharmacies can sell products cheaper than we are able to. We just want to make sure that your decision is an educated decision. If you have any questions, please call our office.

## New Senior Wellness Program

We are starting a new program for our senior patients. We recognize that as our pets age, they need different veterinary care. Our goal for this program is to encourage good senior pet care and make it more affordable.

The program offers a package deal on both your canine and feline pets. The package includes certain diagnostic tests that can help prevent medical problems or bring existing medical problems to our attention. If we can catch some things early enough, it may give us enough time to do

something about it. This makes most diseases easier and less expensive to treat.

We recommend the senior wellness program for cats that are ten years or older.

We recommend it at nine years of age and older for dogs weighing less than fifty pounds and seven years of age and older for dogs weighing more than fifty pounds.

The package includes: two wellness exams per year, one yearly health

screen blood work, urinalysis and collection, blood pressure monitor, and 10% off dental cleaning anytime during the year. The total cost for this is \$235. This gives you a savings of \$40 or 15%.

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This program is not only to help you save money, but to give your senior pet a higher level of quality care. If you have any questions on the new program or if you would like more information, please give us a call.

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