



# The Pet Gazette

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This summer has gone by so fast that it makes it hard to believe it's already September! We have had so many changes to our clinic in the last 6 months. If you have been in recently, you may have seen some new faces. Pam, our new receptionist, came to us in June. She is new to the area, coming all the way from Whitehouse, Ohio. She is a long time pet owner, owning one Golden Retriever and three cats. Jessica is another new face you may have noticed. She is a Licensed Veterinary Technician, graduating from Baker College in 2010. Jessica came to us from Sturgis, Michigan. She owns two cats, Chubbs and Loki. Both Pam and Jessica have been great additions to our team and we're looking forward to this up coming year so we can all get to know them better.

Our building has also taken on a new look recently. The outside of the building is no longer a blue/teal color, but is now beige with blue trim. We also have new comfy chairs in the waiting room for all of you to try out. Of course, we can not forget to mention that we finally have our new sign out front! We are very happy that we could make these changes and update the building. We hope that you will enjoy these updates as well.



Jessica and Pam

We would also like to congratulate Jill and Jessica on their new additions. Jill recently got a Golden Retriever puppy. His name is Alix and he is a very handsome little guy and is already so full of life. Jessica adopted a little kitten from Pet Tales Rescue. Loki is a spunky orange kitty with the sweetest personality. Both said they are fitting perfectly into their new homes.

**Protect Your Pet!**

We have already seen some heartworm positive cases this year. To avoid this, please make sure you have your dog and/or cat on a year round monthly heartworm preventative. The treatment cost for heartworm disease is getting very expensive due to the fact that the drug to treat is getting very hard to find. It is cheaper to prevent heartworms than it is to treat for it. Please call us with any questions.

## Employee Spotlight

Holly has been working for us for 13 years, so I'm sure most of you know her fairly well. Holly is a LVT, which stands for Licensed Veterinary Technician. She has her BS degree in Zoology from Michigan State



Holly and Daisy

University and obtained her AAS degree in Veterinary Technology from Wayne Community College. Outside of work, Holly and her husband keep busy chasing after their three children Madison, Michael, and Adam. She is also a proud owner of three cats and one dog. All

the cats were adopted from us when we had our kitten adoption program. She got Daisy, her Boarder Collie mix, last year from Pet Tales Rescue. Holly has been a wonderful member of our team and has always been the "go to girl" for everyone. We're looking forward to the many more years we will have with her.

## Indoor Cats Need Care Too!

Many people think that indoor cats don't need routine veterinary care. We are here to tell you that this is not the case. It is true that they are protected from things they can only contact from outdoor exposure, but there are many things that cause sickness from inside your home.

We recommend yearly exams on cats even if they are not due for other services. This is because cats age much differently than we do. One year in human years is equivalent to 7-9 years in a cat, so many things can change within that one year. A lot of the times those problems are only detected when the doctor does an

exam. Things like dental disease, weight loss, heart problems, and ear infections are often missed by owners. Many of these things, if caught early enough, could be treated more easily and at a lower cost to you. It is typically less expensive to treat early on before things spread or develop into a more serious condition. If things have progressed too far, there may not be many options to help save your pet. That is why it is crucial to have your cat examined every year to prevent or control these serious problems.

Our recommendation for an adult indoor cat is yearly exams, fecal, and

heartworm checks. We also recommend they are kept up to date on their distemper and rabies vaccines. For senior cats (10 years or more) we actually recommend exams twice a year since things can change so quickly with them.

Our goal in the veterinary field is to keep your pet healthy and the only way we can do that is to see them and let you know what we recommend.

If you have a cat due for any of these services, please call today to set up an appointment.

### RABIES ALERT

As you may have heard, there has been some positive rabies cases in our area. It is critical for not only your pet's health, but for yours as well to have them vaccinated for rabies. I say critical for your health because any mammal can get rabies, which does include you. Many people don't realize how fast death occurs from rabies. While it may take awhile (20-30 days) for the virus to incubate, once even mild symptoms begin, death occurs within 10 days. There is no post-exposure treatment available for animals, so an unvaccinated pet exposed to a potential rabies carrier may be required to be euthanized. So, please for your sake as well as your pets, keep them up to date on their rabies vaccine.