



TATTLE TAILS

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LAINIE - ONE HAPPY DOG!

In early September of this year, eleven year old Lainie the Golden Retriever and her owners visited Magrane for a Senior Wellness Exam, Vaccinations, a Heartworm test, and Fecal Analysis. Her owners requested a nail trim and anal gland check as well. Lainie has been on Rimadyl for her arthritis, but otherwise seemed to be doing quite well.

Lainie's owners have brought their pets to Magrane for about thirty-four years, and say that Dr. Ron Doversberger "has been our guy" for all that time. Indeed, a look at Lainie's record shows that she was seen by Dr. Ron in January of 2002 when she was a puppy.

Here's what Lainie's visit revealed, according to Dr. Ron: "Lainie was feeling fine and acting perfectly healthy. During abdominal palpation (feeling) of the organs inside the abdomen, a subtle, unusual shape was momentarily detected."

Dr. Ron recommended a blood test, and Lainie's owners agreed. On the next day, Dr. Ron called them with the following report: "Although the blood tests were within normal limits, Lainie's red blood cell count was on the low end of normal." He suggested that Lainie come in for x-rays, an abdominal ultrasound, and a repeat of part of her blood tests.

The abdominal x-ray revealed a suspicious mass in the front part of the abdomen, but could not show where the mass originated. That's where the ultrasound procedure showed its value. Dr. Ron says that when Magrane bought its first ultrasound machine in 1998, we were one of the first hospitals in the area to offer the procedure. He thinks that in the future, ultrasounds will be seen as routine, as necessary to veterinary practice as x-rays. Both procedures are very low risk, non-invasive, with minimal discomfort for the pet. And each procedure reveals details that the other cannot, complementing each other.



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Dr. Ron says that most pets become very relaxed lying in the darkened ultrasound room. They get a tummy rub and lots of reassurance that they are being "sooo good". It's fun to tell a dog that it has a gorgeous gall bladder, and see the tail wag.

In Lainie's case, the ultrasound revealed that the abdominal mass arose from her spleen. There was no evidence of internal bleeding, and all the other organs appeared normal. Lainie was a good candidate for surgery, and a splenectomy was performed on October 1st by Dr. Neuhoff. The notes from surgery say, "Enormous splenic tumor (~4lbs). Spleen removed intact..."

The histopathology revealed a low-grade hemangiosarcoma. Although Lainie's prognosis is guarded, her owners report that she is once again active, happy, and jumping onto the bed. Removing the tumor at the earliest opportunity has given Lainie and her owners more quality time together, thanks to the wonders of ultrasound.

KEEP PETS SAFE DURING THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

With the holiday season approaching, most of us do more entertaining and have more guests frequenting our homes than any other time of the year. Keep these tips in mind when planning your next holiday party.

More people coming and going means that your door will be open, allowing pets opportunities to escape. Guests with their arms full of gifts, food and/or small children often leave the door open longer than usual. If your pet is one that cannot resist the temptation of escaping when given the opportunity, keep it in a safe area until all guests have arrived and do the same when guests begin to leave. Also, more guests in your home can cause stress for your pet. If your pets become stressed at times like these, leave them in a secure area away from the activities to minimize their anxiety.

Also, remind your guests that they should not feed your pets anything from their plates. If you have guests that cannot refuse sharing a treat with your furry friend, leave a small dish of pet treats out for guests to share with your pet.

Candy dishes and bowls of nuts are just a few items that can be found sitting out during a party. When placing these items around your home for guests, remember to keep them at a level where your pet cannot reach them.

Even though candles make the home look and feel festive, keep in mind to place them in a secure area. Guests and pets can easily bump into a table and knock off an insecure candle. This can not only be a fire hazard, but hot wax can injure pets as well as people. Don't forget about those cats that like to jump up on higher areas! Fluffy's tail can easily wave over a candle flame and quickly turn into a torch!

Christmas Trees can also be a danger for pets. Tinsel used to decorate trees and ribbons and bows on gifts placed under the tree can be enticing, especially for cats. These can be dangerous if ingested. Not only are the tree decorations and ribbons a potential danger, but think about how much more sensitive our pet's noses are than ours. They can sniff out a wrapped present that may have a chocolate or nutty gift inside! Even though that gift of gourmet chocolates is for grandma, your pet may not be able to resist tearing off the wrapping paper and treating itself to an early holiday gift! Keep these tempting, edible gifts stored in a safe place until it is time to be given to the proper recipient.

Taking these precautions can help you and your pet have a fun and safe holiday season!



BORDETELLA VACCINATION - DOES MY DOG NEED IT?



Bordetella is a contagious (dog to dog) bacterial infection, one of several that can cause tracheobronchitis in your pet. Tracheobronchitis is an inflammation of the windpipe and bronchial passageways. Although Bordetella is not a killer disease, it can make both you and your dog miserable. According to Dr. Niemann, a dog suffering from Bordetella may sound as if it will cough up its lungs. Dr. Logue says that any form of tracheobronchitis can develop into pneumonia that can kill your dog if untreated. According to Dr. Neuhoff, tracheobronchitis can cause chronic sensitivity in your dog's windpipe and ongoing cough with occasional choking. At Magrane, each of our

veterinarians has seen multiple cases of Bordetella during the past year.

How could your dog catch Bordetella? Bordetella is transmitted through the air. Dogs do not need to be in direct contact, but it is more easily transmitted when dogs are close together. That is why Bordetella is called "kennel cough," since it is often transmitted by dogs in boarding situations. But a boarding kennel is only one place your dog could catch Bordetella. Besides grooming salons, dog shows, pet stores, and veterinary offices, your dog could be infected by an unexpected visit from a friend who brings a dog along. Or if you and your dog are out for a walk, or if your dog is in an outdoor fenced area, and another dog decides to be friends with yours, Bordetella could be the result. Puppies and dogs with weakened immune systems, or who are under stress of any kind are most likely to acquire Bordetella and subsequent complications. Since it is not always obvious when your dog is in these categories, or when your dog may happen into any of the above situations, we recommend that you vaccinate your dog to protect him or her from Bordetella.

As for any vaccination, consult with your veterinarian to decide whether Bordetella vaccination is right for your individual dog. No vaccination is 100% effective, and the Bordetella vaccination does not protect against all causes of coughing. Our doctors say that before vaccinating, they assess your dog's immune system to determine whether it is strong enough to respond, protecting your dog.

Magrane Pet Medical Center recommends Bordetella vaccination for all healthy dogs. For many years, we have used an intranasal vaccine, but have recently changed to an oral one that is less annoying to the dogs. For dogs that do not tolerate oral administration of medication, there is an injectable form available. Be sure to ask about Bordetella at your next visit to Magrane if you have questions!

F.Y.I.

Veterinarian Schedules

Monday AM
Dr. Niemann
Dr. Doversberger

Monday PM
Dr. Neuhoff
Dr. Niemann

Tuesday AM
Dr. Doversberger
Dr. Neuhoff

Tuesday PM
Dr. Niemann
Dr. Meltzer

Wednesday AM
Dr. Logue
Dr. Meltzer

Wednesday PM
Dr. Neuhoff
Dr. Logue

Thursday AM
Dr. Doversberger
Dr. Meltzer

Thursday PM
Dr. Niemann
Dr. Meltzer

Friday AM
Dr. Niemann
Dr. Neuhoff

Friday PM
Dr. Meltzer
Dr. Niemann

Surgery Schedule

Monday-
Dr. Meltzer
Dr. Doversberger
(ultrasounds and
echocardiograms)

Tuesday-
Dr. Neuhoff
Wednesday-
Dr. Logue

Thursday-
Dr. Niemann
Friday-
Dr. Neuhoff

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HOLIDAY HOMEMADE TREATS FOR YOUR PETS

Don't leave your furry family members out at holiday treat time! Here are two recipes to try for your pets during the holidays.

Whole Wheat & Peanut Butter Dog Biscuits (Makes 10-20 biscuits)

1 ½ cups stone-ground whole wheat flour
1 cup all-purpose flour
½ cup powdered or dry milk
½ cup quick-cooking oatmeal, plus extra for sprinkling
½ cup smooth peanut butter
2 tablespoons toasted wheat germ
1 extra-large egg, lightly beaten
1 egg beaten with 1 tablespoon water for egg wash



Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Line a sheet pan with parchment paper.

In a food processor, combine the two flours, the powdered milk, oatmeal, peanut butter, and wheat germ. Then on low, add the egg and 1 cup of water and mix just until it forms a slightly sticky ball. (You can also use an electric mixer fitted with the paddle attachment.)

Dump the dough out on a well-floured board (all purpose flour) and knead it into a ball. Roll the dough out ½ inch thick. Dip a cookie cutter in flour and cut out the shapes. (Dog bone shape cookie cutters are great for this recipe.) Collect the scraps, knead lightly, roll out again, and cut more dog biscuits.

Place the biscuits on a prepared sheet pan and brush with the egg wash. Sprinkle with oatmeal and bake for 1 hour, until completely hard. Allow to cool thoroughly.

Tuna Treats for Cats (Makes 10-12 treats)

3 tablespoons egg whites, scrambled
6 ounces can tuna in water
¼ cup cornmeal
½ cup whole wheat flour



Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Chop up the egg whites and mix with all the other ingredients, including the water from the tuna.

Press into a ball, then flatten the dough onto a greased cookie sheet.

Cut the dough into bite-size pieces for cats. Bake 20 minutes; cool slightly. Your cat will like these best served warm.

Thank You

We'd like to thank the following clients for their referrals:

Betty Eck
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INTRODUCING OUR NEW PET CARE SPECIALIST...

Niki grew up in Elkhart, graduated from Concord High School, and moved on to IUPUI with a full-ride athletic scholarship for Volleyball. She received her Bachelor of Science degree in Marketing. Although she has a business degree, she has always had an interest in animals and in working with them in some way. Growing up, she dreamed of taking care of Shamu at Sea World! Niki says she has an extreme love for animals and is thankful for the opportunity to care for them every day at Magrane.



Niki is very happily married, and owns thirteen chickens: Outlaw, Hawk, Hominy, Baybee Maybee, plus nine others with no names because most of them are very hard to tell apart! She has a cat named Cleo, and a new addition to her family, Buford (a German Short-Haired Pointer).

In her spare time, Niki visits friends and family, plays volleyball and the guitar (not simultaneously), and reads. She loves to fish and to ride four-wheelers as well. Her husband has played a huge part in shifting her interest to more things outdoors, so Niki has taken an interest in gardening and flowers within the last couple of years.

THE PERFECT HOLIDAY GIFT FOR YOU AND YOUR PET: HOMEAGAIN MICROCHIP

There is no way to guarantee your pet will never get lost. Each year 8 to 10 million pets are lost. This can happen to even the most careful, attentive owners. No pet owner wants to think about what would happen if their pet was lost, but it does happen. Pets can stray on numerous occasions such as these:

- Storms or fireworks can cause your pet to panic and flee
- A door or gate left ajar by mistake
- Pets can run through invisible fences, or dig under regular fences
- Unexpected events such as fires, chemicals released into the air, earthquakes, tornadoes, and floods.

Microchipping your pet is a permanent identification; it cannot fall off or be removed, unlike a collar. According to studies, 90% of lost pets will not return home without effective identification. Animal shelters are nearly 7 times more likely to find the owners of stray pets that are microchipped.

A microchip for your pet is the perfect holiday gift because of the peace of mind it provides. Microchips can be implanted at any time we're open. Just call our office to schedule an appointment!

A Referral Program

Please take advantage of our Client Referral program that works in conjunction with our Feather and Fur Fund. We've developed a "Gift Card" that you can pick up at our office. However, this is a Gift Card that you do not have to pay for! Just pick up several of these cards the next time you are in our clinic. When you refer a friend and give them the card, they will receive a complimentary complete physical exam and Magrane will donate

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