



Quarterly News From Our Hospital To Your Home

New Heartworm Test at Magrane Pet Medical Center

In order to provide the best care for your canine companions we have changed our heartworm tests to ones that now screen for tick born diseases as well.

In addition to testing for Heartworm disease this test screens for exposure to Lyme, Ehrlichia Canis, Ehrlichia Ewingi, Anaplasma Phagocytophilum and Anaplasma Platys, for the same price as our previous heartworm only tests.

The test uses a small amount of blood and provides results in eight minutes.

If your dog test positive for exposure to any of the tick born disease our staff will guide you through any recommended additional tests to determine if they require treatment.



Prevent Periodontal Disease In Your Pet

Did you know Periodontal (gum) Disease is the most common problem we find in adult dogs and cats in our practice, affecting more than 80% of pets three years or older? If left untreated, dental disease can cause severe health risks.

What is Periodontal Disease?

Periodontal Disease is an inflammatory disease that affects the gums and bone that support the teeth. Painful tooth and bone loss can occur if this is not properly treated. Bacteria from dental disease can infect vital organs including the liver, kidneys, and heart.

Signs of Periodontal Disease:

Inflammation, redness or swelling of the gums
Receding gums or loose teeth

Bad breath
Tartar buildup
Blood on chew toys

How To Protect Your Pet:

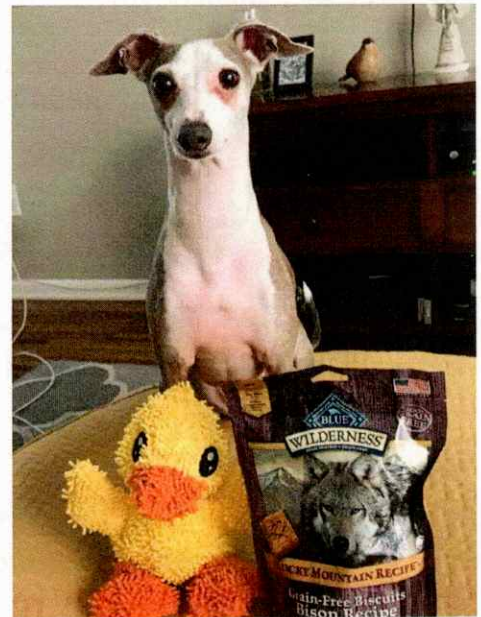
We recommend biannual veterinary wellness exams for both dogs and cats. During these exams, we will check your pet's teeth for signs of periodontal disease. If your pet has tartar buildup, we may recommend a dental cleaning. Regular dental cleanings lead to happier and healthier pets.



A Letter From Our Client Debbi about Raysen, The Italian Greyhound

My name is Debbi, and I am the loving mom of an Italian Greyhound, Raysen. Raysen and I are inseparable; we do everything from play, eat and even sleep together. During one of our cuddle sessions, I found an unusual lump on her right side but didn't think much of it first, hoping it would go away. I began to observe it over time, noticing a cycle of enlarging and regularly shrinking, putting off a trip to the vet as I was scared of what I might hear. After finding another lump which resembled a bug bite, I found a third lump and decided it was time to see the vet. With confidence, I walked in that the lumps would turn out to be cysts, but on October 5th, I got an email that would change my life. Dr. Candey spoke about numerous things in that email, but the only thing that stuck out to me was the words "Mast Cell Tumor."

I was referred to an oncologist in Grand Rapids, Michigan named Dr. Swanson and decided to make the two-hour trip. After a lengthy conversation, I considered our options, always with Raysen's care and comfort in mind. It was agreed that she would undergo surgery to remove the tumors, although the one on her leg could only be partially removed, grade them, and follow up with chemotherapy treatments. After three days of recovery, she was back to her playful self which had to be restricted as per doctors' orders. She was not happy about that and popped a stitch or two, or three. Keeping Raysen calm was hard.



Dog chemotherapy is not the same as a human, as Raysen did not lose fur nor did she vomit. Raysen's first chemotherapy treatment took place in Grand Rapids while subsequent treatments were given at our second home, Magrane Pet Medical Center. Throughout the entire ordeal, Raysen remained playful and cuddly, while monitored carefully and given additional treatments such as antibiotics

After discovering another lump under her ear in January, I did not hesitate and took her to see Dr. Candey right away. Sadly, it was another mast cell tumor, and I scheduled her for surgery and had it removed.

My advice to you is to love your pet. Play, cuddle, caress but also check them for growths that do not seem quite right. Follow your instincts and have your pet checked by a vet. It very well may be nothing, but you might be adding beautiful years with your best friend.



Need An Appointment?

Is your dog or cat due for their wellness exam? You can schedule your pet's exam on our website today or you can call us at (574) 259-5291.

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What It Means To Be Certified Cat Friendly

We proudly hold a Cat Friendly Practice Gold certification by the American Association of Feline Practitioners. We have gone above and beyond to make a visit to our hospital stress-free for you and your cat. Our hospital was designed with the comfort of your cat in mind, and our staff is trained to handle your kitty in a way that will make their visit much more relaxing.

[Learn more online](#)

A Farewell And Thank You To Dr. Jessica Spake

It is with a heavy heart that I will be leaving my position as a veterinarian at Magrane Pet Medical Center as of April 11th, 2019. It has been a pleasure being able to serve you and your pets and I'll miss being a part of this wonderful team.

I have no doubt that Magrane Pet Medical Center will continue to provide exceptional medical care and compassion to your families for many years to come.

Thank you again for your trust in me during my time at Magrane and for helping to make our hospital the special place that it is.

Sincerely,
Dr. Jessica Spake

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