

Marsh View



Veterinary Clinic

Summer/Fall 2013

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8am - 5pm;

Wednesdays: 8am - 7pm

Saturdays 8am - 11am

920-326-5PET (5738) or 920-326-3020

Please Welcome..... Our Newest Team Member



In a continued effort to provide quality, compassionate care at the Marsh View Veterinary Clinic, we are very happy to announce that Dr. Erin Bloom has joined our team.

Dr. Bloom specializes in small animal care. She obtained her B.S. in Animal Science from UW-River Falls in 2007, and her Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine from the University of Wisconsin School of Veterinary Medicine in May 2010.

Dr. Bloom's interests include surgery and rehabilitation, client communication, behavior and weight management. She is a member of the American Veterinary Medical Association and the Wisconsin Veterinary Medical Association.

Outside of work, Dr. Bloom enjoys spending time with her dogs, Emma and Malone, family, and friends. She also enjoys horseback riding, reading, and watching movies. She is very excited to be at Marsh View Veterinary Clinic and looks forward to getting to know you and your family!

Please help us welcome Dr. Bloom. We are very excited to have her as part of our team.

**Dr. Bloom is now accepting new clients.
To schedule an appointment with Dr. Bloom,
please call us at 920-326-3020 or 920-326-5738.**

The Final Visit

Jeff Hookstead, DVM

For 21 years I have been helping owners and their pets get through their last visit to the veterinarian.



Bailey's Last Pheasant

Amazingly, through most of these years I had never faced that final visit myself. That all changed this past February. Bailey was 14 ½ years old when

the decision to euthanize

her was made. She had been my loyal companion and friend through good and bad. We hunted pheasants in three different states, grouse in two, and enjoyed three litters together totaling 41 pups. (Do the math on that.) I can still remember when and where her first solid retrieve was and how proud I was of her. I knew the decision to euthanize my own dog was going to be difficult; I didn't know it was going to be that difficult!

Veterinarians strive very hard to get everything right for the owner and their loved one. It is so important to make sure that the process is explained, private and as stress free as possible. It is equally as important that any questions the owner may have are thoroughly addressed.

I am sure that there are hundreds of articles, even more books, and a plethora of internet advice on coping with the loss of a pet. All I know is that when your heart is breaking, compassion and comfort is what is needed the most. Many of my clients have heard me use the phrase, "The greatest emotion we experience as humans is love and the loss of a loved one. Unfortunately we don't get to experience one

Final Visit Cont'd

Dental Services Offered



Oral Examinations
Ultrasonic Scaling
High Speed Polishing
Dental Extractions

Back By Popular Demand! September Dental Special



Before Dental Cleaning

Concerned about your pet's bad breath or tartar buildup? During the month of September the Marsh View Veterinary Clinic is offering specials on all dental

exams, ultrasonic scalings, and polishings:

*50% Discount on any Dental Exam**
*15% Discount on Ultrasonic Scaling & Polishing, Including Anesthetic**



After Dental Cleaning

Please call our office for details or to schedule an appointment. Offers valid for all exams and dental work completed in the month of September 2013.

*Discounts do not apply to any dispensed prescriptions

Microchipping

By Jennie Braaksma, CVT

It is a sad fact that dogs get lost. Even sadder, many of these dogs do not become reunited with their owner. It is important that your dog has ID at all times. Collars and tags can be used, but they can fall off or become damaged. Microchipping is one way that makes it possible for your pet to have permanent identification. In the event he/she gets lost, the microchip offers an increased chance for a reunion.

A microchip is about the size of a grain of rice. It is placed under the skin with a needle, similar to a vaccination. It can be done during a regular office visit. The implant contains a tiny computer chip with a unique ID number. The chip must be registered and is kept in a database. Contact information is supplied, such as the pet name and description, and your name and address. It is vitally important to keep this information updated in case of a change of address, etc.

Most microchips can be read by a scanner that will display the ID number. Most humane societies have these scanners.

Cost of the chips varies. Our fee at the Marsh View Veterinary Clinic includes insertion, registering (which we do for you), and a 1 year membership. After that, there is either an annual fee or a life-time fee to maintain the information.

Please feel free to call our office if you have any further questions, or are interested in having your dog implanted with the microchip. It is always good to have extra security so that if your dog gets lost, there are additional ways to be able to find him again!

without having to experience the other." Making the decision for a final visit is extremely difficult but quite often it is the final act of love in the human animal bond that we as pet owners can only explain.



Where Does it Hurt?

Erin Bloom, DVM

For many years, pet owners and veterinarians alike struggled to recognize pain in dogs and cats. In addition, if pain was not recognized, then it could not be controlled or treated. However,



as with many areas in life, we have learned more over time. We now know that animals do experience both acute (short term) and chronic

(long term) pain, and that there are a number of methods available to alleviate it.

Of course, there are many possible causes of pain (muscle strains/sprains, broken legs, torn ligaments, arthritis, bladder stones, and dental disease, to name a few). Each patient is different in how well they tolerate pain, as well as how willing they are to display discomfort. Cats in particular are especially good at hiding pain or discomfort. Below are some common signs to watch for at home in your dog or cat:

- Whining/crying/growling/hissing and sometimes even purring
- Attempts to bite
- Limping/stiffness
- Excessive licking, chewing, or grooming
- Changes in appetite or water intake
- Changes in litter box or house-training habits
- Hiding or decreased activity (reluctance to run, jump, go up or down stairs)
- Restlessness
- Panting or increased respirations

When it comes to alleviating pain, there are also many options available. These may include traditional medications (such as nonsteroidal anti-inflammatories, opiates, and narcotics) or nontraditional methods (such as acupuncture, chiropractic, and physical therapy). Many

patients also benefit from warm or cold compresses, massage, and comfy bedding at home. If your dog or cat has an injury or surgical procedure planned, local anesthetics and premedications (pain relief and sedation given prior to a procedure) may also be used to minimize discomfort and speed healing.

If you are concerned that your dog or cat may be showing some of the signs above, please schedule an appointment for us to help identify the cause(s). If your pet is scheduled for an upcoming procedure, ask us about how we can keep them comfortable and get them back in action faster. Together, pet owners and veterinary professionals can make sure our canine and feline family members are able to enjoy their favorite activities as long as possible!

Congratulations



Dr. Jeff and Rita would like to congratulate their third and youngest child, Heather Hookstead on her recent graduation from Whitewater High School.

Heather was very active in high school activities including volleyball, basketball, ice hockey, and dance team.

In addition to her school activities, Heather works as a trainer at Culvers in Beaver Dam.

It is Heather's goal to major in Biology/Pre-Med in hopes of becoming an Oncologist. She would also like to minor in Christian Ministries.

Heather will be attending Northwestern College in Orange City, IA. She is very excited for her future and all the opportunities which lie ahead.

Good Luck Heather in all you do!

7th Annual Coloring Contest Results

Congratulations to our winners of this year's coloring contest



Kiana Tietz, 3rd Place
Pre-Kindergarten



Nicholas Katsma, 2nd Place
Kindergarten & 1st Grade



Isabella Braaksma, 3rd Place
Kindergarten/1st Grade



Amber Regnerus, 1st Place
2nd & 3rd Grade

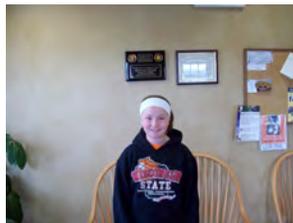


Hailey Deisinger, 3rd Place
2nd & 3rd Grade

Not Pictured:
1st Place: 4K and Younger
 Hannah Bontrager
2nd Place: 4K and Yonger
 David Bontrager
1st Place: 1st & 2nd Grade
 James Bontrager



Zoe Manke, 1st Place
4th & 5th Grade



Madison Schwartz, 2nd Place
4th & 5th Grade



McLain, 3rd Place
4th & 5th Grade

Clinic Recognized by Columbia County Sheriff's Department



Congratulations to Dr. Jeff and Staff who were recently recognized for their outstanding service to the Columbia County Sheriff's Department K-9 Unit

25 Years...A Reflection in Time

25 years ago takes us back to 1988, the year of the drought. Having just recently been married, and unfamiliar with the life of farming, the true significance and impact of the drought was not something which personally seemed to be much of a concern to me. However, getting married to a farm boy, quickly changed my understanding of weathering the drought, rainy seasons, and very turbulent farming years which have ensued. Some could even say that farming is much like a marriage: takes work every day, there are seasons of plenty and seasons of little, much worry, much joy. As we become parents we tend to our little seeds in hopes of nurturing loving, responsible adults. Very similar to how farmers tend to their fields in hopes of nurturing a plentiful harvest or nurturing their heifers in hopes of producing milk and growing their herd.

When Dr. Jeff began veterinary school only two months into our
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25 Years...A Reflection in Time Cont'd

marriage, we had no idea what was ahead for our future. Of course, the dream was to have children and eventually own a veterinary clinic. What happened in between almost seems like a blur. Veterinary school was challenging to say the least. The hours upon hours of studying, with the final year consisting of Dr. Jeff being gone on externships was actually quite exhausting. Beth, our oldest, was born while Dr. Jeff was in his second year of veterinary school and our son David was born 1 month before graduation. Plus, I was completing my Masters Degree at the same time.

As Dr. Jeff entered the work world, we embarked



Rita, David, Dr. Jeff, and Beth - Graduation from UW School of Veterinary Medicine, 1992

on a new journey consisting of nights on call, weekends on call, many many hours taking care of both large and small animals, all while raising our family, which by 1995 had grown to three as our youngest daughter, Heather, was born that spring. Both farming and small animal lingo was pretty standard in our home. Milk fever, neuter/spay, prolapsed uterus, sore feet, just to

name a few were added to my vocabulary. Plus, we were also learning why Grandma Hookstead had a room in their home for all the men coming in from chores before they sat at the supper table. And, even though Dr. Jeff provided cared for both small and large animals, the majority of scheduled or emergency work in the early 1990's was for farm calls.

As a couple, we made the decision to have me work from home so that Beth, David, and Heather would always have one of us here and so that they would be able to take part in the activities and school events they enjoyed. Given Dr. Jeff's call schedule, it only made sense that I was home. A decision that we were very blessed to be able to make.

As time progressed, especially over these past few years, and as more farmers were selling their herds, we began to see a shift in the types of calls being scheduled. The trend we were, and still are seeing, is an increase in small animal owners and fewer farm calls. Dairies were growing larger, but there were fewer dairies still in operation. Technological advances also created shifts in both small and large animal care. With continued growth of our clinic and our clientele primarily small animal owners, we recently hired Dr. Erin Bloom who specializes in small animal care. By having Dr. Bloom on board, we are able to tend to the needs of our small animal and large animals clients, both of which are very important to us.

In the past couple of months, Dr. Jeff and I have had quite a few opportunities to truly reflect on the past 25 years. From veterinary school, to his first job, to being part of the Randolph community for the past 18



The Hookstead Family 2013

years. Our youngest, Heather, graduated high school and leaves for college in just a few short weeks, Dr. Jeff and I celebrated our 25th anniversary, and Beth being recently married on June 29 can most certainly make one reflect. We have weathered many storms. Some seasons of plenty, and some seasons of very little. Much worry, yet so much joy.

As the next chapter in Dr. Jeff's and my life begins... that of being empty nesters.....we truly realize how grateful we are for those who have been in our lives: our family who has always been there to support us; our children, who we are so proud of; our friends who provide a shoulder when needed and any good laughter as well; our staff who so tenderly take care of all our patients needs and our clients who fill our days with joy, and their critters who bring smiles to our faces. We have much to be thankful for and look forward to the seasons which lie ahead.

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51st Annual COMMUNITY CORN CARNIVAL



sponsored by Randolph FFA Alumni

Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 2

FFA Alumni Breakfast 6:30 - 9:30 am at the High School

“Run for the Paws” 7:15 am starts at Randolph Park

3 C’s Car & Bike Show 8:30 am - 4:30 pm at the Elementary School

Parade *Honoring our Firefighters* 10:00 am

On the Main Stage

Parade winners presentation 12:00 pm

Guilty Wanted Band *sponsored by Randolph Chamber of Commerce* 12:00 - 3:00 pm

DJ Tipster Music and Karaoke 3:00 - 6:00 pm

On the Kids Stage

The Amazing Schu, magic show 1:30 - 2:00 pm *sponsored by Randolph PTO*

Kids Games 12:30 - 1:30 pm *sponsored by Golden Living Center*

Pedal Pull 3:00 pm *sponsored by Farmer’s Implement*

Other Events in the Park

Bingo *sponsored by the Randolph Fire Dept.*

Pony Rides & Petting Zoo

Kid’s Rides

FREE SWEET CORN ALL DAY

FOOD, GAMES, AND VENDORS IN THE PARK ALL DAY

Remember to Register for the Run For the Paws.

See Entry Form on Next Page

Help Us Raise \$2,000 for The Dodge County Humane Society



5th Annual Run For The Paws

10K • 5K • 1 Mile Fun Run/Walk
Labor Day, September 2, 2013



REGISTRATION FORM - Please clip and send in registration form

Register On-Line at www.eventbrite.com or www.active.com

10K Run- \$30 5K Run - \$30 1 Mile Fun Run/Walk - \$15

Name: _____ Address: _____ City: _____

St: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: () _____ E-mail: _____

Age Day of Race (5K/10K runner/walkers) Grade in School (fall 2013) for 1 Mile: _____

Shirt Size: **Adult:** S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____ XXL _____ **Child:** L _____

I would like to make an additional donation to The Dodge County Humane Society: \$ _____

We would like to have breakfast at the Randolph High School (6:30am - 9:30am)

_____ Children Under 6 (FREE) _____ Children Under 12 (\$3.50) _____ Adult(s)(\$5.50)

Total Due for Breakfast \$ _____ + Total for Run: \$ _____ + Additional Donation: _____
= \$ _____ (Total Balance Due)

I know that participating in a 10K/5K/1 Mile Run/Walk is a potentially hazardous activity. I certify that I am medically able and properly trained. I assume all risks associated with the running of this event, including, but not limited to fall, contact with other participants, animals, the effects of the weather, traffic, and the conditions of the roads all being known to me. I hereby release The Dodge County Humane Society, Marsh View Veterinary Clinic, Race Personnel, Race Director, and all sponsors from all liability for injuries or damages and hereby waive any and all rights for claims of injury or damage.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Parent or Guardian's Signature if Under 18 Also Required

To Guarantee a T-shirt, please submit payment and registration by August 21st to:
Dodge County Humane Society: Attn: Rita; 620 Jones Drive; Randolph WI 53956.

Please make copies if you would like • Race Day Registration is available

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NEW CLIENTS

Schedule Your Appointment
with Dr. Bloom and Receive
50% off your 1st Office Visit
Expires September 30, 2013

QUESTION OF THE QUARTER

First person to answer this question during regular business hours beginning August 15, 2013 will win a \$25 Gift Card to Dollar General



Question: How many years have Dr. Jeff and Rita been married?

The Answer to Last Quarter's Question: Which sport is being removed from the Summer Olympics?
Congratulations to Debbie Kolins for having the correct answer, which was wrestling.

Local Humane Society Needs Your Help!



Dodge County Humane Society, Juneau

Upcoming Events

Labor Day, September 2, 2013 - 7:15 am

5th Annual "Run For the Paws"

Entry Form Inside



PING PONG

Featured canine for this week is Ping Pong. He is a coonhound mix and about four month old. Ping Pong needs some work on his manners, but with the right family to lead him in the right direction Ping Pong will become an awesome family member for life. If you would like more information on him please call the Dodge County Humane Society at 920-386-0000 or stop out and meet him. - See more at: <http://www.dchs-wi.org/#sthash.ZQkOPyzU.dpuf>. For more information, please call the Dodge County Humane Society at 920-386-0000.



ELTON

The featured feline for this week is Elton. He is an DSH orange tabby about two years of age. Elton has a playful personality and enjoys lots of toys. He does enjoy his quiet time so a home with older children would make the perfect home. - See more at: <http://www.dchs-wi.org/#sthash.ZQkOPyzU.dpuf>. For more information, please call the Dodge County Humane Society at 920-386-0000.