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## WELLNESS, HEARTWORM AND PARASITES

Spring and summer are fast approaching and we are certainly happy to say goodbye to the snow! Along with spring comes fleas, parasites and heartworm disease. Over the last several years, focus has shifted heavily from heartworm disease to the prevention and control of intestinal parasites. There are parasites that are transmissible to people with children being the likeliest hosts. The Center for Disease Control in the United States recommends regular deworming of pets in the spring and summer months, which are the likeliest times for infection. Heartworm disease is less of a concern but still a potential threat as we see rescued dogs from the southern United States crossing the border into Canada. Heartworm prevention medications begin June 1st and incorporate both heartworm and parasite control. Some medications also offer protection against fleas, mange and some tick species. Please phone to discuss which medication is most suitable for your pet. Glendale will also be discussing wellness testing for your pet. Wellness tests, taken as a blood test, examine organ function and provide baseline results for your pet. It is an excellent way to ensure optimal care for your pet as well as catch disease, which may be delayed with early intervention. 🐾



### 2007 AT A GLANCE

2007 was definitely a year of changes as well as accomplishments for Glendale! This Christmas, the staff raised funds among themselves and donated it to Youth Choices Shelter in Orangeville! In October, through our wonderful clients we once again raised \$500.00 for the Farley Foundation, a charitable organization that was established in 2001 to assist seniors and disabled persons on limited incomes with the necessary treatment of their pets. Our Veterinary Technician, Susan returned from her maternity leave in March. She is very happy to be back! Our wonderful receptionist Erin is expecting her first child with her husband Dan in June! We will keep you posted on our website!

We welcomed the addition of Valerie Cole to our staff and she is doing a wonderful job keeping us organized. As well, we are adding another new face to our team. Jen Peters is a Registered Veterinary Technician who is joining us full time starting in April. We are very excited to add her hardworking and compassionate personality to our staff. Please look for her biography on our website.

Finally, it is our pleasure to thank all our clients for constantly challenging GVH to learn, improve and provide our patients with the highest level of care. 🐾



### FIRST AID COURSE ON MAY 7TH

Glendale will be offering a First Aid course for Pets on Wednesday, May 7, 2008 at 6pm. The course will offer basic first aid for when you can't immediately get to a vet. It will be about 1 and 1/2 hours and will cover basic first aid. We will supply a first aid book and first aid kit for home use. Light refreshments will be provided. Please contact us if you are interested in attending. Spaces are limited, so please reserve your place as soon as possible by emailing us or call (519) 927-9229. 🐾



## HOW-TO VIDEOS ON OUR WEBSITE

Did you know that our website has an online health library equipped with “how-to” videos? Click here to go to our pet information library. We routinely update our website with new information so it’s good to check it regularly. And don’t forget you can still continue to contact us through e-mail to book boarding reservations and obtain non-emergency information. 🐾



## LOW-LEVEL LASER THERAPY NOW A COMMON PROCEDURE

The introduction of our Low Level Laser in 2006 has been met with tremendous success in our practice! It has now become a routine and integral part of our patients’ treatment and management protocols. It works by stimulating the body’s natural healing mechanisms at the cellular level. Low-intensity laser therapy can be used to treat arthritis, muscle or tendon injuries, skin wounds, back pain, joint pain and other musculoskeletal illnesses. Laser therapy may also provide pain relief, resolve inflammation, increase the speed and quality of tissue repair, boost the immune system, help resolve infection, and improve the function of damaged nerve tissue by reducing the scar tissue surrounding it. The hospital’s laser is hand-held, and delivers laser light through the skin surface. It is painless and pets appear oblivious to the treatment as it is being delivered. Check out all our services including laser therapy here. 🐾

## SUPPORT HEADWATERS HEALTHCARE CENTRE



From February 15th to April 15th, Glendale will be raising money for the Headwaters HealthCare Centre. Having access to properly functioning equipment is something GVH has much understanding for as it makes all the difference in patient care. As is the case with veterinary hospitals, human hospitals must purchase their own equipment, which is very costly.

Our goal is to raise a total of \$2400 towards a ‘Pulse Oximeter’. This device measures heart rate, oxygen saturation and blood pressure and is very important in a variety of situations such as critical care patients and cardiac patients. If you are able to help please visit the Orangeville Hospital’s website at [www.headwatershealth.ca](http://www.headwatershealth.ca). Click on Make A Donation, followed by DONATE NOW. Tax receipts will be issued for any donations over \$20. You can also come into the clinic and donate as well.

Please help us raise money for this worthy cause!! 🐾

## DR. HOOPER’S RETURN

Many of our clients have noticed Dr. Hooper’s absence from the clinic. We would like to reassure you she is fine! Dr. Hooper has been a long road of recovery from surgery she had in October on her wrist. She has also suffered complications from her condition, which has resulted in chronic pain. As a result, her physicians placed her on a temporary leave of absence. Although still recuperating, Dr. Hooper has returned to practice Mondays and Thursdays at limited hours. She is also in the clinic most other days helping with the management. Therefore if there are any clients who would prefer to see Dr. Hooper but cannot do so on her scheduled days, please let us know so that we can try and arrange for an alternate appointment day and time. 🐾

## ANIMALS LOOKING FOR A NEW HOME

If you have a pet that needs a new home, or if you’re looking for a pet yourself, you now have a place to visit on our website. Please email us information to post if you have a pet looking for a home, or visit this page to see what darlings are available. 🐾