



Mountainview Animal Hospital
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**The bottom
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Registered Veterinary Technicians are well trained in blood collection. Pets requiring a blood test are often taken to the treatment room at the back of the hospital where our RVT will take the sample. In many cases the blood is tested here in the hospital, this allows us to make a diagnosis faster.

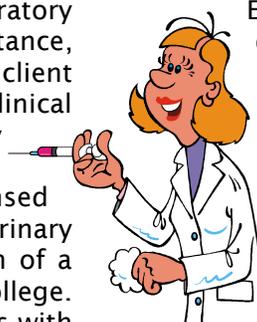
An RVT can work in animal hospitals, referral clinics, research, drug and food industries, laboratories, farms and animal shelters.

Mountainview Animal Hospital first opened its doors to the pets of Georgetown on October 9th, 2001.

WHO ELSE IS CARING FOR YOUR PET?

Here at Mountainview Animal Hospital we strive to provide the best possible care for your pets. Our team is made up of compassionate and caring staff members. An integral member of our veterinary health care team is the Registered Veterinary Technician. Essentially, a Registered Veterinary Technician (RVT) is a nurse for animals. The duties of an RVT include assisting the veterinarian, nursing, laboratory procedures, surgical assistance, anesthesia, radiography, client education and many other clinical duties. Although an RVT has many responsibilities, all of their work must be supervised by a licensed veterinarian. Becoming a veterinary technician requires the completion of a two year program at a certified college. This education provides technicians with both the theoretical and practical skills essential to their career choice. After successful completion of the program, a province-wide exam is offered to allow

the technician to become registered. This means that the technician has met all registration requirements, is and continues to be a member in good standing and maintains the mandatory continuing education component. Registration ensures they are continually learning new skills, and techniques allowing for the highest quality and most advanced medicine for your pets.



Even though this job can be demanding, its rewards outweigh the difficulties. Knowing that they are helping and caring for all animals in the veterinary medical field, is what makes this career so fulfilling. The week of October 10th has been designated as National Veterinary Technician Week.

This week gives us the opportunity to reflect on the hard work and dedication of Registered Veterinary Technicians like our own Sabrina Fiorenza.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO US

Mountainview Animal Hospital will turn 3 years old this fall. It has been a wonderful 3 years. We would like to thank all of our terrific clients who have welcomed us so warmly to this community and who have supported us by referring friends, neighbours and family to us. We will continue to work hard to help you care for your family.

We will be celebrating in a simple way with coffee and cake on Friday, October 8th. If you have the time to stop by for a coffee and snack we would love to see you.



EARLY WINTER WARNING

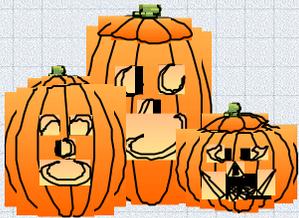


As winter approaches people will begin to winterize their cars. Some caution should be taken while doing so since many of the products we use can be very dangerous to our pets. Antifreeze and windshield washer fluids are extremely toxic, as little as a teaspoon will kill a cat. Keep the bottles well sealed and out of reach, and use a funnel when pouring it into the car to avoid spillage. Also keep in mind that in the winter freezing felines may climb up under the car engine to keep warm, so it is a good idea to knock on the hood of the car before starting the engine.

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Did you know that pumpkin is a natural fiber used to treat mild constipation problems in dogs and cats? A teaspoon of pure canned pumpkin given daily can help soften the stool. Surprisingly most cats like it.

Jack O Lanterns were named after a miserable old man called stingy Jack who played evil tricks on people.



Although dog food is not normally toxic to cats, when eaten in sufficient quantities it can cause nausea and bloating. Just ask Nike!

Until Debbie has regained full strength in her knee, she will be working shorter days. This means that she is booking up quickly, so don't leave it until the last minute to call for an appointment.



Halloween is probably one of the most entertaining events of the fall and many of us look forward to the costumes, the decorating and the candy. Although Halloween is about having fun, every year we see several pets who have become lost, sick or injured as a result of unnecessary mishaps. We hope this list will help you and your pets avoid any events that may spoil your fun this Halloween.

Electrical cords are a favorite chew toy for playful puppies and cats but cause quite a shock when bitten. Keep them out of reach or cover them with flexible plastic tubing.

Candles should never be left unattended, curious pets may burn themselves or even start a fire by knocking them over.

Chocolate is a favorite treat for people but it is very toxic to our furry friends, so keep them well out of reach.



Stress and company not only affects our daily routine but that of our pets' also. Ask your guests to be respectful if your pets retreat to a quiet place in the house.

Be mindful of **children** around pets that are unaccustomed to them. Older pets are particularly sensitive to the fast and unpredictable movements of curious and sometimes over-affectionate kids.

LIFE ACCORDING TO NIKE

Ever wonder how a pet decides where to vomit when they are feeling ill. I do. It always seems to be on the furniture or the area rug and not on the hardwood or tile floor where it would be easy to clean up. Last week Nike was sick a couple of times because she had stolen some dog food out of a boarder's kennel when he was outside for a walk.



Plastic bags are fun to play with but can suffocate an inquisitive young pet, keep them out of reach.

String, thread, wool, and webbing can be very dangerous, particularly to cats. If swallowed there can be serious damage to your cat's intestines. If you see string hanging out of your pet's mouth or back end, do not pull it, and call us immediately.

The streets aren't safe. Don't let your pet roam. Just in case, make sure your pet is licensed or better yet, microchipped.



Halloween is associated with many ancient myths and beliefs; it is likely wise to **keep your cats indoors** for a few days before the big night.

Watch out for **open doors** and sneaky pets; make sure they are wearing collars and tags just in case.

WELCOME BACK TO OUR GROOMER!

As many of you are aware, our groomer Debbie Tatham has been away for most of the summer recuperating from a knee replacement surgery. This caused a 'hairy' panic for many of you whose pets are frequent users of her expertise. Debbie has made a remarkable recovery and is happy to be back.

If your furry pet is in need of some priming and pampering, call our office to book an appointment with Debbie.

