

Honeoye Falls Veterinary Hospital

Fall 2021 Newsletter

Happy fall from
the team at
Honeoye Falls
Veterinary
Hospital!



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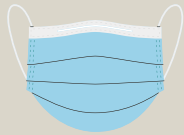
Latest News at Honeoye Falls Veterinary Hospital

Contact us: 585-624-1088

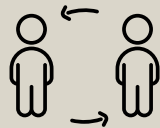
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Covid -19 Precautions

Clients are required to wear masks at all times, regardless of vaccination status.



Only 1 client is permitted into the office with their pet(s) to allow for adequate social distancing



Exam rooms are thoroughly cleaned between each appointment.



Our office is open to clients and we are following the guidelines of NYS and the CDC. The safety of our clients, patients and staff is always our top priority.

In a response to create increased appointment availability for our patients, we have extended our hours on Wednesday's.

New Hours

Mon: 8am - 5pm

Tues: 8am - 5pm

Wed: 8am - 7pm

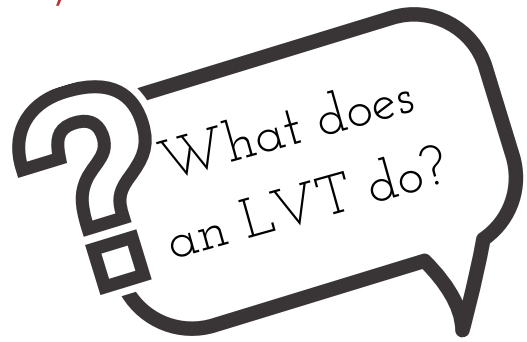
Thurs: 8am - 5pm

Fri: 8am - 5pm

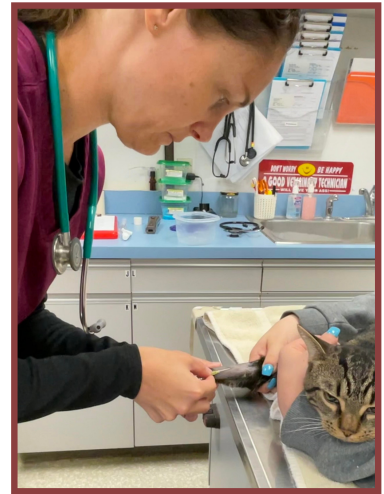
Future newsletters will feature an educational section. Please let us know if there are any topics you would be interested in. Suggestions can be emailed to info@honeoyefallsvet.com

National Licensed Veterinary Technician's Week

October 18-22, 2021



Administer medications
Take radiographs
Surgical assisting
Administer & monitor anesthesia
Perform dental cleanings
Place IV catheters & draw blood
Perform laboratory testing



Sheranda, LVT



Kathy, LVT



Ariel, LVT

To be a Licensed Veterinary Technician:

- Must possess a degree in Veterinary Technology
- Must pass the VTNE Exam
- Must complete 24 hours of continuing education every 3 years.





Our Technician Assistants

In addition to recognizing our LVT's during National Veterinary Technician's Week, we also celebrate our Technician Assistants.



Rebecca

These 4 ladies work alongside our LVT's and our DVM's.

They are invaluable members of our team that keep the hospital running behind the scenes. They provide exceptional, nurturing care to every patient that is in our hospital.



Shantel



Meghan



Megan

We are excited to celebrate and spoil our LVT's & TA's for the hard work they do each and every day.





November is Adopt a Senior Pet Month

Adopting a senior pet can be a rewarding and exciting experience. Shelters are full of "older" pets in need of a forever home, however, these pets are often overlooked as most people want to adopt a puppy or kitten.

There are many benefits to adopting a senior pet:

- They are already housebroken
- They have a calmer temperament and are less energetic
- Most have already been altered.
- They can form a deep connection with you
- You can help save the life of an older dog who may otherwise have been euthanized



There are many local rescue groups you can visit if you are considering adopting a senior pet



Pet Adoption Network
338-9175



Lollypop Farm
223-1330



Animal Service League
342-6009

New Product Recommendation

We are excited to announce that we now carry Feline Bravecto Plus.

Bravecto Plus is a product that is available for cats that kills fleas, ticks, intestinal parasites (roundworms & hookworms), and prevents heartworm disease.

Heartworm disease in cats is a life-threatening condition that has a new term - **Heartworm Associated Respiratory Disease or HARD**. Although heartworms are found inside the heart, the damage done to the lungs and associated blood vessels is far greater. Heartworm disease is much more common in cats than previously thought. There is no treatment for heartworm disease in cats. Fortunately, it can be prevented!

Bravecto Plus kills fleas, ticks, roundworms, hookworms and prevents heartworm disease in cats for 8 weeks.



Resources to answer questions you may have about feline heartworm disease:

<https://www.heartwormsociety.org/heartworm-in-cats>

Client Education: Preventing Feline Heartworm Disease

Did you know that cats are susceptible to heartworm infection?

And the source of infection is a mosquito carrying the heartworm larva?

Cats are an amazing species and both Dr. Scoda and Dr. Hoguet like to say "Cat's often don't read the rules or follow textbooks". Once a mosquito carrying heartworm bites a cat, the larva becomes an adult over the span of 8 months. Once an adult, these parasites can grow to nearly a foot long! During this time, it travels through different tissues in the body on it's way to the heart and lungs. With cats, we sometimes see symptoms develop 60-100 days into this process, BEFORE it becomes an adult. This early reaction is because of the cat's immune response to the new and developing parasite.

This immune response can make cat's very sick. Some cats show no symptoms at all, while others experience spontaneous death due to heartworm infection. Heartworm disease in cats is certainly not straightforward.

The symptoms of heartworm infection are not consistent or clear and can mimic symptoms of other diseases. These symptoms include coughing and respiratory signs seen with asthma, loss of appetite, lethargy, vomiting, and diarrhea. This makes a diagnosis difficult, especially because each cat can have such different presentations of the disease. It is much more common in cats than previously thought.

How do I keep my cat protected?

We can now screen for heartworm disease with a test run in our office. We recommend running this blood test every year with your cat's annual exam to rule out infection. Although this test can indicate infection, it can only detect female heartworms. This means if your cat is infected with a male heartworm, the test may be negative. Prevention and regular screening are key!

Many of our outdoor cat patient's are being treated with Bravecto, which protects against fleas and ticks. We now carry **Bravecto Plus**. Bravecto Plus protects against fleas and ticks while also preventing heartworm disease and treating intestinal parasites. Unlike Bravecto, which is applied topically every 12 weeks, **Bravecto Plus needs to be applied every 8 weeks.**

Why do I need to use prevention?

We recommend prevention because there is a wide outcome in cats with heartworm disease AND because there is no treatment for heartworm disease in cats. With the change in weather, increase in mosquito population, and increase in heartworm infections in dogs in our area, prevention for your INDOOR and OUTDOOR cats on a **year-round basis**, and annual testing is the best way to keep cats safe.

With Sincere Gratitude

The last 18 months have turned all of our lives upside down. During this time, the veterinary industry has seen unprecedented change and we've felt it in our office. Our team has experienced burnout and compassion fatigue, our hearts hurt from having to tell clients that we can't see their pet because we are at capacity every single day.

Having said this, we want to take a moment to let all of you know how grateful we are for our clients.

Thank you for being patient and understanding.

Thank you for allowing us to provide your pet's with the care they need.

Thank you for recognizing how hard we work.

Thank you for welcoming our new DVM.

Thank you for continuing to bring your pet's to us.

Most importantly, thank you for your dedication to us.

As 2021 comes to an end, we are looking forward to a new year and bringing new services to all of you!



Give Thanks