



# The Quarterly Beagle

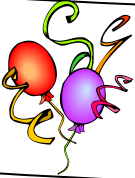
## Barking up the right tree

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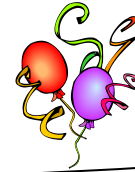


*Your Amherst Veterinarians:*

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**AMHERST VETERINARY HOSPITAL  
PROUDLY ANNOUNCES  
DR. TANYA SPARLING,  
NEW OWNER AND PROPRIETOR**



As of June 1st, 2012, Dr. Tanya Sparling took over as the new owner of Amherst Veterinary Hospital. She is taking over the position from Dr. Boyd Taylor who has been the owner since 1976.

Dr. Sparling is a native Maritimer as she grew up in the Amherst area. She graduated from Ontario Veterinary College in 2009. She has worked at the Amherst Veterinary Hospital since graduation.

Dr. Sparling is passionate about education. She believes the way to encourage proper animal care is through education of the public. With the help of her staff, she will make every effort to ensure Amherst and the surrounding areas will always have access to reputable sources of information so people know they are getting accurate information. Check out our website for recommended animal care sites.

AVH is currently offering public seminars in basic animal care. The first session is July 18th, focused on ear cleaning and nail trimming, and there are more to come!

Seminars will be held every two months and will focus on a variety of topics, such as: vaccines, dental care and holiday hazards. AVH welcomes any topic suggestions from the public as well.

All attendees will be offered light refreshments. We encourage you to call ahead to reserve your spot!

Visit our website at [www.amherstvethospital.ca](http://www.amherstvethospital.ca) or our facebook page for updates.

**For reservations please call 667-8405**

## Featured employee: Vanessa Reed



Vanessa is one of the newest additions to our team of registered veterinary technicians. She came to AVH in July of 2011. Vanessa graduated from Oulton College with her veterinary technician diploma in April 2011. She comes to us from the human medical field with a decade of experience in geriatrics. Her kind, gentle manner has a calming effect in many of the stressful situations that we deal with each day. Vanessa is the proud mom of three pekingese gentlemen and one geriatric feline lady.

## The Barking Beagle Says...

*There is no psychiatrist in the world like a puppy licking your face.*

**Ben Williams, American editor and journalist(1877-1964)**



The Lillian Allbon Animal Shelter is an independent shelter which cares for and rehomes stray or neglected dogs and cats in Cumberland County, Nova Scotia. It is based just outside Amherst and is run mainly by volunteers. At the Shelter, we provide love and care, but we are not a replacement for the loving home that all companion animals deserve. If you are looking to adopt a cat or dog please try the Lillian Allbon Animal Shelter first.



## Community education



Beginning in 2012, Amherst Veterinary Hospital will be presenting a series of community education seminars. These seminars are for local residents who would like to know more about certain issues regarding their pets. Everyone is welcome to attend!

Some topics which may be covered include:

Ear cleaning and nail trimming, fleas, ticks and other creepy crawlies, vaccines for your pet, dental care, holiday hazards and many more!

If you have an idea you think would be a good topic, please let us know. We always welcome suggestions.



## Hot weather tips for summer



We all love spending the long, sunny days of summer outdoors with our furry companions, but being overzealous in hot weather can spell danger. Take these simple precautions to help prevent your pet from overheating. And if you suspect your pet is suffering from heat stroke, get help from your veterinarian immediately.

- Pets can get dehydrated quickly, so give them plenty of fresh, clean water when it's hot outdoors. Make sure your pets have a shady place to get out of the sun, be careful not to over-exercise them, and keep them indoors when it's extremely hot.
- Symptoms of overheating in pets include excessive panting or difficulty breathing, increased heart and respiratory rate, drooling, mild weakness, stupor or even collapse. Animals with flat faces, like Pugs and Persian cats, are more susceptible to heat stroke since they cannot pant as effectively. These pets, along with the elderly, the overweight, and those with heart or lung diseases, should be kept cool in air-conditioned rooms as much as possible.
- Never leave your animals alone in a parked vehicle. On a hot day, a parked car can become a furnace in no time-even with the windows open-which could lead to fatal heat stroke. On a 25-degree day, the inside of a car can quickly rise to 50 degrees, even with the windows open! Please never leave your pet in your car on a hot day.

Courtesy ASPCA

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