



Pet Pause

Winter 2010-2011

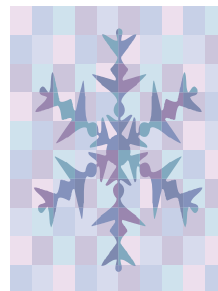


Help Us Help Those In Need 2010 Christmas Animal Shelter Donation List

Please drop off donated supplies to one of our four locations and the supplies will be donated to a shelter in each area before Christmas.

- Dry and Canned Kitten and Puppy food
- Dry and Canned Adult Cat and Dog food
- Mops, Brooms and Dustpans
- Puppy and Kitten Formula and Bottles
- Disposable Non-sterile Latex gloves
- Cat Litter
- Bleach
- Dog and Cat treats
- Paper Towels
- Clean Blankets and Towels
- Dish Detergent
- Pet Carriers
- Laundry Detergent
- Litter Boxes
- Dog and Cat shampoo
- Cat and Dog Toys
- Dog and Cat Food/Water Bowls
- Leashes
- Newspapers
- Large Garbage Bags
- Office Supplies

Thank You for your support!



“The reason a dog has so many friends is that he wags his tail instead of his tongue”
–Author unknown

“My cat speaks sign language with her tail” –Robert A. Stern

Meet Dr. Marissa Hofstetter

Dr. Marissa Hofstetter joined the Orrville, Seville Wadsworth and Akron Barberton family of practices in June 2010. A recent graduate of The Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine, Dr. Hofstetter's primary interests lie in companion animal medicine and dentistry but she has also been involved with obedience classes and puppy socialization.

Dr. Hofstetter is the daughter of Dr. Melvin and Mim Wenger of Orrville. She resides in Kidron with Kyle, her husband, Scarlet, her dog and her cats, Ada and Levi.

1. What made you decide to become a veterinarian? I decided I wanted to become a vet in 7th grade. I think riding on calls with my Dad when I was little had a lot of influence on my decision.

2. Describe your most exciting/interesting experience from veterinary school: My favorite memories include castrating a miniature donkey and taking x-rays on a Texas Longhorn.

3. What is your favorite part of your job? Puppy and Kitten visits.

4. When you have 30 minutes of free time, how do you pass the time? Reading blogs and checking my email.

5. What are you reading right now? Take Four by Karen Kingsbury.

6. What is your favorite restaurant? Senor Panchos and El Campesino.

7. What is your favorite quote? “Do unto others as you would have others do unto you.”

8. What is the best gift that you have ever received? My husband surprised me with a trip to Europe after graduating from vet school.

9. What are your favorite indoor/outdoor activities? Gardening, scrapbooking and watching the Ohio State Buckeyes.

10. What is your favorite vacation spot? Outer Banks, North Carolina.

11. If you could change one thing about yourself, what would it be? I would like to be more patient with myself and toward others.

12. What is your biggest pet peeve? I hate it when I drive behind people going under the speed limit!

13. What is your least favorite chore? Folding laundry, especially socks!

14. If you could be a superhero, what would your super powers be? Add more hours to the day or be able to adapt with less sleep.

15. If you could have dinner with anyone deceased or living, who would you choose and why? My Grandma Wenger, because I have never met her.

Dr. Hofstetter will be primarily available at Seville Wadsworth Veterinary Clinic, located at 3898 Greenwich Road in Seville. She will also maintain some hours at both the Orrville Veterinary Clinic and the Akron Barberton Veterinary Clinic. To schedule an appointment with Dr. Hofstetter, please call the Seville Wadsworth Veterinary Clinic at 330-336-5823 or visit their website www.sevillevetclinic.com for more information.

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Holiday Safety

The holiday season is upon us, and while celebrations often bring cheer to humans, the holidays hold many dangers for our pets. Here are some simple tips to ensure your holidays are not interrupted by an emergency visit to the veterinary clinic.

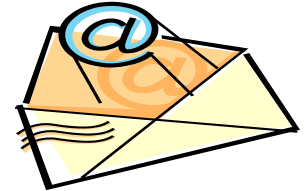
- Rich, fatty, spicy foods can be treacherous for pets. Ingesting even small amounts of some foods can lead to digestive distress or pancreatitis. If your guests want to give your pet a treat, instead of people food, suggest giving them a little extra attention.
- Alcohol is toxic to pets, and sweet drinks like eggnog may be tempting for them. Be sure to keep all alcohol out of your pet's reach.
- Chocolate, raisins and grapes are all toxic.
- Mistletoe and several other plants can be toxic. For more information, see <http://www.aspc.org/pet-care/poison-control/plants>
- Pets often find Christmas trees irresistible. If you have added preservatives to the water, be sure your pet can't drink it. Glittering tinsel is enticing to pets, but can cause potentially fatal obstructions if they ingest it, as can ornaments, garland, ribbon and bows. Also secure your tree so that it doesn't tip and fall, possibly injuring your pet.
- Keep lit candles, wires, batteries and glass decorations out of your pet's reach.
- Having guests in your home can be stressful for your pets. Give your pet a quiet space to retreat to-complete with fresh water and a warm place to snuggle.

that can infect dogs and cats can also infect and transmit diseases to you and your family.

Reducing risks for your family:

Humans, especially children, can accidentally ingest infective worm eggs that have passed through the pet's feces and left in the environment. The eggs can then hatch in the human's intestinal tract, and the immature worms can travel to various tissues in the body, including the eyes and brain, potentially causing serious infections. You can reduce the risk of parasitic infection to your family by eliminating parasites from pets; restricting access to contaminated areas, such as sandboxes, pet walk areas, and other high traffic areas; and practicing good personal hygiene.

For more information on how parasites affect your dog or cat, the health risks to people and prevention tips, check out www.petsandparasites.org.



What is a Pet Portal?

A Pet Portal is a private website that helps us provide great pet health care at your convenience. Pet Portals allow you to access your pet's health information at any time of the day or night, and they connect you to a comprehensive online pet health library, a pharmacy, email services, and more. Best of all, Pet Portals are absolutely free! Through the Pet Portal, our clinic can inform you quickly and easily about important medical news such as product or food recalls. You can ask questions, request appointments and prescription refills, and shop in the Pet Portal online store.

Here are some of the great features included with the Pet Portal service that will allow you to manage your pets' health 24/7.

- View your pet's health information.
- Request appointments.
- Update your contact information.
- Post favorite photos of your pet.
- Print out a proof of vaccination for boarding or travel.
- Request prescription refills and special diets-even when we are not open.
- Set up email reminders about when to give your pet's medication.
- Access reliable information on a wide range of pet health topics.
- Use PetNotes to easily create and print instructions for pet sitters or kennel staff when you are out of town.
- Ask our clinic questions about your pet or our clinics services.

How can I get a Pet Portal?

It's easy! Simply give us your email address and we'll email you a password and a link to our website. You can also visit our website and click on the Pet Portal login button. Just follow the instructions under the "Want a Pet Portal?" header.

Don't delay-start managing your pet's care with your Pet Portal today!

The Importance of Parasite Testing

Every year, when you come for your pet's annual physical examination we ask you to bring a stool sample. It is not a pleasant part of bringing your pet in, but it is a necessary one. Even if your pet stays indoors, he or she should be tested yearly for common parasites.

What we are looking for:

Intestinal parasites are the main targets of fecal analysis. These parasites include many kinds of worms, such as tapeworms, hookworms, roundworms, and whipworms. Worms large enough to be seen with the naked eye can live in your pet's intestines and are not often found in the stool; however, we can detect their eggs in the stool using a microscope. Other parasites that may be found by fecal analysis include microscopic organisms.

How can my indoor pet get parasites?

Even if your pet never goes outside, regular parasite testing is important. Parasites are common in wildlife, and people and other animals that do go in and out of the home can bring in microscopic parasites and eggs from outdoors. Animals can become infected when they groom themselves or eat something off of the floor. Nursing puppies and kittens that have never gone outside can also get parasites from their mother; in fact this is very common. Puppies and kittens usually require deworming at their initial veterinary visits.

What we need:

The sample you bring for testing should be fresh-preferably from the same day. This is important because the tests do not work with dry material. The good news is that we don't need much. A piece about the size of a whole walnut is big enough. Please bring it in a clean, leak-proof baggie or plastic container.

Why we do it:

When you see the note on your annual reminder, you may think, "I did that last year and my pet was fine. He's still healthy...do I really need to bring in another sample this year?" The answer is Yes! Often parasites do not cause signs of illness in pets. However, many kinds of parasites

