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WHAT'S NEW:

The month of June is bringing about a few changes here at Beckett and Associates.

As the end of June approaches, we will be saying goodbye to Dr. Martin. With a wedding coming up in September, she will be moving down to the shore to spend more time with her fiancé. On behalf of all the staff members at Beckett and Associates, we want to wish her the best of luck with her new endeavors.

We also want to take this opportunity to welcome two new veterinarians' to our practice, Dr. Melissa Moore and Dr. Jennifer Chediak. Dr. Moore is coming to us originally from Milford, Connecticut. She has just recently graduated from Tufts University. Dr. Chediak, a native of Oklahoma, spent 3 years managing a dairy goat farm and going to school in Uptate New York, at Cornell University.

With the busy months of summer still ahead of us, many of you will surely have the opportunity to meet these new team members. Our practice is truly excited and thrilled to introduce these two new associates to our clients and patients alike!

Summer Reminders

Summer is definitely the most popular time for mosquitoes to infect our region of the United States. Heartworm is a potentially fatal illness transmitted by those pesky critters, across all 50 states. Heartworms are parasites that live in the heart and lungs of our dogs and cats. If gone untreated, the disease has the ability to cause heart failure and death. In order to keep your pets safe and healthy, Heartworm

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preventative is what every pet owner should have handy. When used properly, this monthly preventative treat is the best way to prevent heartworm disease, as well as hookworms and roundworms.



Summer in New England also means that ticks are out in full force. There are many different options for flea and tick preventatives. One thing is for certain: all dogs and cats should be using one of the available products for maximum protection.

Topical flea and tick preventatives are one of the more convenient and easy preventative measures. Products like K9 Advantix® and Frontline® provide ultimate protection from fleas and ticks. Advantix also repels mosquitoes. Preventic® collars are another option when it comes to tick preventatives.



Living in tick country means that daily tick checks are very important. If your favorite furry friend does happen to come back from the outdoors with a tick on them, here are some tips on removing the pesky vampire.

- To remove tick that is attached to your pets' skin, find a pair of tweezers. Tweezers allow you to get to the base of the tick, and not squeeze the body.
- Grab the tick by the head and mouth parts, where it enters the skin.
- Pull firmly and steadily.
- When the tick has been removed, place it in a small amount of alcohol to kill it.
- Once an attached tick is physically removed, do not be alarmed if a welt or small skin reaction does occur.

Office Community Activities

As some of you may have heard, Dr. Beckett has elected to run for State Senate Representative for the Republican Party, representing Bolton, Glastonbury, Manchester and Marlborough. As expected, this new endeavor will change Dr. Beckett's lifestyle, however, we do not anticipate it changing his clinic hours or service to you.

Over the years, we are proud to say that our clinic has grown. We service people of all political backgrounds and beliefs. In turn, we will not be advertising any of Dr. Beckett's campaign literature around the clinic. We respect that everyone has the right to their own opinion. If you are interested, however, in the campaign or want information, you can visit Dr. Beckett's campaign website, www.beckett2006.org.