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Vetsulin® Officially Approved For Cats



Intervet® has recently announced that on March 28, 2008, the FDA officially approved Vetsulin® for use in cats. For a long time, veterinarians have used this medication "off label." Additional information is expected to be released in June 2008.

B&A Joins Friends of Animals

Just recently, our clinic joined up with Friends of Animals (FOA), a non-profit animal advocacy organization based out of Darien, Connecticut. As we have often preached in the past, with our supplemental Pet Angels website (www.petangels.org), we want to promote animal adoptions as much as possible. Through FOA, we are able to offer canine and feline spays and neuters at discounted prices for those that present the proper certificate. To learn more about FOA, visit their website at www.friendsofanimals.org. Second chances are what it's all about!

No More Post Surgery Blues

Many of our patients come to us for orthopedic problems, sometimes resulting in surgical procedures. Rehabilitation and physical therapy are very important aspects of post surgery recovery. Beckett & Associates is proud to now offer physical therapy sessions with one of our technicians, as part of our post surgical recovery program. These sessions - which last for 20 to 30 minutes - will focus around teaching owners specific exercises that they can do at home, to help speed up the recovery process. Contact our office if you're interested in this new program.



Online
Pet Store

Beckett & Associates Veterinary Services, LLC online pet store allows you to buy all your pet supplies instantly and at your own convenience. We offer everything from pet health products, to toys and treats.

No time to go to the pet store, that's okay [Order Online](#) and have your pet supplies delivered to your home.

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Office Hours

Monday - Friday:
7:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.

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8:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

24-hour Large
Animal Emergency
Coverage

Beckett & Associates Is Going Green

Earlier this year, Beckett & Associates Veterinary Services, LLC installed 56 solar panels to the backside of the clinic. On April 3, 2008 they were presented to the town of Glastonbury and surrounding towns in a dedication ceremony. As the town's newest Clean Energy Project, Dr. Beckett took part in a green ribbon-cutting ceremony with Connecticut's Lt. Governor Michael Fedele and members of the Connecticut Clean Energy Fund.

The solar panels – which contain photovoltaic cells - were designed to produce a majority of the electricity that runs the clinic on a daily basis. They were proudly provided by groSolar, one of the nations leading distributors of solar energy systems, with contractor Ray Zelek installing them.

During the ceremony, Dr. Beckett emphasized that although this is a small step, it is a very important one as we move towards more environmentally friendly technology. We are proud to show off our new look to anyone who is interested!



Pet Angels provides animal lovers a direct link to local rescues in Connecticut. Our Pet Lost & Found allows users to search for their lost pet or post a found animal. Visitors can also put up their animals for adoption.

Pet Angels was created by Beckett and Associates Veterinary Services, LLC and is a free service to those looking to adopt or rescue their next - or first - pet.

Visit [Pet Angels](#) to find out more

Welcome Royal Canin®!

We wanted to take a quick moment of your time to make you aware of some changes to our current food selections.

Over the past few months, we have done some research on the best canine and feline prescription diets on the market. We have recently decided that we are going to introduce a new line of food to our practice: the Royal Canin® Veterinary Diet. We have found that many dogs and cats have shown a real interest in the brand, so we'd like to offer it to our clients.

Some of our more specialized prescription diets are only used by one or two patients at a time. We try to stock everything every patient is on, but sometimes we add a new patient to that formula and use the in-clinic stock or everyone runs out at once. If you call or email us when you are getting low, we can reserve supplies for you and make sure the cupboard is never bare.

When switching diets, please do this gradually. Abrupt changes to a new diet can cause diarrhea and general dietary indiscretion. Generally, we recommend that change to the new diet be done over a minimum of 4 days by first mixing 1/4 new diet + 3/4 old diet, then 1/2 + 1/2, 3/4 + 1/4, and finally feeding only the new diet.

We hope you all are willing to try these new diets – as they are great additions to what we currently carry. Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns.



Good Points About Bad Points

Ever notice that your horse is losing weight? Bearing down hard and resisting the bit around corners? Dropping food as he eats? Unlike our teeth, horses' teeth continuously grow until they are between 25 and 30 years old. Silica, which is a component of grass, is an abrasive and gritty compound that naturally grinds horses' teeth down as they chew. Most of our performance and pleasure horses are exposed to limited turnout, with a much less fibrous grain or alfalfa supplemented into the diet. Grain tends to take much less of an effort to chew, preventing the proper wear and tear on the tooth surface from taking place.

Often times, horses can develop what we call "points." These are razor-like sharp edges that develop on the surface of the tooth, often causing painful cuts on the insides of their cheeks and tongue. Too often, these points are what cause horses to resist the bit. In addition, these points can cause the motion of the jaw to become limited and unnatural. Thus, resulting in "hooks" – or unworn portions of the tooth - to hang from the first molar on each side of the upper arcade.

Veterinarians and equine dentists often frequent these types of horses to perform a "float." Floating horses' teeth simply refers to manually filing and grinding away the abovementioned rough surfaces that form over time, creating a much more even chewing surface. Routine dental maintenance is an important part of your horse's annual physical examination. If this floating isn't done on a regular basis, horses can begin to develop nutritional deficiencies, digestion problems and bad vices. A dental exam can reveal existing problems, in addition to preventing potential ones.



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