

# Barrie Veterinary Barker

## Official Hospital Newsletter

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Welcome to 2003!  
The Barrie Veterinary Hospital has made a New Year's resolution to keep you informed of changes and continuing education at our clinic.

## Continuing Education

In late January Dr. J. Martin will attend the Ontario Veterinary Medical Conference in Toronto for three days. Dr. Dianne Lawrence will spend a day in February learning more about dental radiographs at the Ontario Veterinary College. Our animal health technician, Shellie, will also be attending a conference in January to study advances in animal reproduction. Leanne, a registered veterinary technologist, will be present for the annual technologist's conference in February. These meetings will help our staff keep abreast of changes in diagnostics and treatments. Hopefully soon we may even be able to offer dental x-rays

for your pets!

Barrie Veterinary Hospital would like to welcome our newest employees Kerri-Lyn, our kennel assistant, and Debbie, our latest addition to the grooming salon.

### **ANTI FREEZE CAN BE HARMFUL TO YOUR PET!**

CHECK AROUND YOUR HOME FOR POSSIBLE SPILLS OR LEAKS TO ENSURE YOUR PET(S) ARE SAFE! ALSO BE SURE TO VIEW OUR IN-CLINIC BULLETIN BOARD ON "ANTI FREEZE POISONING" & LEARN MORE ABOUT THE POTENTIAL HAZARDS OF THIS SOLUTION!

## LEPTOSPIROSIS

You and your pet could be at risk...

Leptisporosis, (*lepto*), is a serious disease of dogs and humans caused by the

Leptisporosis bacterium. Recent studies indicate that new strains of the leptospira are emerging in Ontario dogs. Lepto is carried by wild animals and livestock and dogs can become infected if they drink from rivers, streams, puddles or ponds that have become contaminated by the urine of infected animals. Therefore city, suburban and rural dogs that go outdoors are at risk. Lepto is a serious and life threatening disease. The bacteria attack the liver and kidneys and symptoms can include: fever, vomiting, lethargy, abdominal pain and increased urination. Vaccination against the lepto bacteria is possible. It is an easy and effective way to prevent this serious disease and can be given with your pet's annual vaccines. Be sure to ask your veterinarian about the new lepto vaccine today to ensure that your dog is protected!

### **HEY...WE'RE MOVING!**

LATE NEXT FALL WE HOPE TO MOVE TO OUR NEW LOCATION @200 BAYFIELD ST., AT BAYFIELD AND DALTON. PLANS ARE ALREADY UNDERWAY TO RENOVATE THE BUILDING AND SOON WE WILL HAVE A BEAUTIFUL NEW CLINIC. WE WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED AS CHANGES PROGRESS!

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