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# The Golden "View"

Your place for the latest happenings at Goldenview Veterinary Hospital

## *Internet Pharmacies: Beware of the True Cost.*

As more Internet pharmacies become available, it will be more tempting to order veterinary medications online. However, there are several important differences between medications that are dispensed from Golden View Veterinary Hospital and those obtained through the Internet, or even in catalogs.

The most important difference is quality. Our products are shipped from the manufacturer, or supplier warehouse, directly to us. These products are shipped overnight and stored in specific temperature controlled environments. Internet and catalog goods are second hand products that are purchased from a veterinarian and then resold several times. On occasion, some of these products may even be counterfeit. Storage of these products during this process is not well controlled, and there is no regulatory agency in place to inspect these products or ensure that they have been properly stored.

The second difference is the manufacture guarantee. Sev-

eral products, such as Heartworm preventatives, are 100% guaranteed by the manufacturer to be safe and effective. This means that if there is ever any product failure, or problem, the manufacturer will pay for the treatment of your pet. Because there is no regulation beyond the primary purchasing veterinarian, the manufacturer will NOT extend this guarantee to catalog or Internet customers.

Lastly, catalogs and Internet pharmacies often bypass the Doctor-Patient relationship. For a veterinarian to issue a legal and valid prescription there must be a current Doctor-Patient relationship. This means that your pet must have been examined by the veterinarian who is issuing the prescription within the past 6 to 12 months. Most medications require prescriptions and laboratory testing of your pet prior to, and during use. This helps to prevent adverse reactions and ensure proper dosing. When deciding where to purchase medicines for your pet, remember to balance any cost savings with the unique services and expertise that you receive from us at *Golden View Veterinary Hospital*. Our goal is to continue providing a trusted source of veterinary medications that will serve your pet's health needs as safely, efficaciously and conveniently as possible.

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## Goldenview "Trivia"

The first person to e-mail us at [gvhvets@earthlink.net](mailto:gvhvets@earthlink.net) with the correct answer will receive a free *Jamba Juice!*

*What type of dog is Scooby Doo?*

*Answer to last question:  
Carolina Parakeet*

## Staff News

Karen has moved from *Client Service Representative* to *Goldenview's Practice Manager*. Congratulations Karen!

After two years, J.P. will be leaving *Goldenview* to pursue other endeavors. We are happy for her and her new career path and we will miss her. Good luck J.P!

## Meet the Staff

We are happy to introduce some new faces to our expanding *Goldenview* family.

- Maggie, a *veterinary nurse* joined *Goldenview* in May. Look for "Maggie's *Mentionables*", our new column.
- Lindsey, our new *Boarding Coordinator* started in June.
- Jan, our new *Client Service Representative* will start in mid-July
- Stefanie our newest *Certified Veterinary Nurse* will also be joining *Goldenview* in mid-July.

Join members of *Goldenview* for the 19th Annual Climb to Conquer Cancer on Saturday, August 27, 2005. Leashed dogs are welcome.

Please call 720-524-5475 or visit the website [www.cancer.org/coloradoclimb](http://www.cancer.org/coloradoclimb) for more information.

Look for the splash at Fossil Trace in Golden for *Wet Paws Fun Run/Walk/Swim* on Saturday, September 10, 2005. *Goldenview* will staff the First Aide table. Please call 303-384-8124 for details. Proceeds benefit Table Mountain Animal Center (TMAC).

## Goldenview is Growing!

In the next upcoming weeks you might notice a new doctor is scheduled on a regular basis. As *Goldenview* continues to grow, Dr. Kris has found it necessary to increase her staff, including adding another doctor to ensure that everyone's needs are being met and that appointments are being seen in a timely manner. Dr. Kris' associates are in regular communication with her and will provide the same excellent standard of care to all of your special family member(s).

## Who is Cavy Care?

*Goldenview* would like to introduce some of the rescue groups that we work with. In this issue we are featuring Cavy Care. Cavy Care Inc (CCI). CCI is a licensed private shelter and a federally recognized 501c3 charity dedicated to guinea pigs. CCI serves the Denver Metro area shelters, including, but not limited to Colorado, Wyoming, Kansas, and California. CCI is a NO KILL shelter dedicated to rescue and placement of unwanted and abandoned guinea pigs. CCI provides a sanctuary for unadoptable guinea pigs, taking guinea pigs without regard to their age or condition. CCI will provide whatever care they may require and then work to find them the appropriate homes. "Sanctuary" is a safe haven for older guinea pigs, addressing their individual and special needs. They are adoptable, but they have a place to live out their natural lives in love. CCI has an on line mentoring program, as well as educating and providing advice after the adoption. Cavy Care Inc. phone 303-693-4630 fax 303-593-2195 [www.cavycareinc.org](http://www.cavycareinc.org) cavycareinc@yahoo.com

## Fees for Missed Appointments?

Out of respect for all of our staff and all of our clients, please be considerate and call ahead of time if you need to cancel or reschedule your appointment. For your convenience, *Goldenview* has a voicemail service to leave messages after hours. We hope to avoid charging for missed appointments.

## ***Maggie's Mentionables***

**Q:** *What can I do if I find an injured or orphaned bird?*

**A:** This is the season for baby birds and wildlife. If you find a baby bird, the first thing to do is to determine if the baby is a nestling or a fledgling. A nestling is mostly naked with feathers just growing in and a fledgling is fully feathered and should be hopping around on his own. It is best to leave a fledgling where you found it, unless a threat exists. A fledgling is learning to fly and fend for himself and the parents are assisting with feeding him. If it is safe, put him in a nearby bush so he can hide. A nestling needs to be in a nest and cannot hide or survive on his own. If you can find the nest, try to put the baby back in it. If the nest has been destroyed, make one out of a berry basket or margarine tub (with holes punched in it) that is lined with dry grass, the old nest, or pine needles and put it near the original nest. The parents should find the new nest. It is a myth that the parents will not feed birds that have been touched by humans. Watch from a distance to ensure that the parents return.

## ***Annie's Fund Recipient***

This issue we are sharing "Pepe's" story. Pepe is a delightful yellow cockatiel that was brought to *Goldenview* because she was thin, lethargic and not feeling well. Her owners surrendered her to *Goldenview* so she wouldn't be denied much needed treatment, that included an extensive hospitalization period for feedings and medications. Follow-

### ***Advertising in The Golden "View."***

We would like to offer an opportunity for members of our *Goldenview* friends and family to share information about their businesses and services while helping *Annie's Fund* grow to serve much needed animals. Please contact Andrea if you are interested in placing a business card-sized advertisement in an upcoming edition of our newsletter, "*The Golden "View"*". All proceeds will benefit *Annie's Fund*.

If the nestling or fledgling is in an unsafe area, has been injured, or cannot be placed back in a nest, contact a wildlife rehabilitator to assist you. These volunteers have been specially trained to care for sick and injured birds and wildlife. Please contact them for additional information.

### ***Wild Bird Information and Rehabilitation of Denver***

**ph 720-297-2546**

***Angels for Wildlife (can refer to veterinarians, etc. who see wildlife)***

**ph 303-972-4228**

### ***Greenwood Wildlife Rehabilitation Sanctuary***

**ph 303-545-5849 (voicemail)**

**ph 303-823-8455 (emergency)**

**[www.greenwoodwildlife.org](http://www.greenwoodwildlife.org)**

ing the first night, little Pepe was found peeking out over her box, alert and responsive. She responded well to her treatments and was on her way to recovery. After a hospitalization stay of almost 3 weeks, Pepe was well enough to find a permanent home. We miss her friendly chirps and her daily visits on our shoulders. We really appreciate your thoughtful contributions to *Annie's Fund*. Thank you!

## ***Request for donations***

**We will graciously accept any old towels and washcloths that you may not need. The campers and patients will also appreciate any fresh fruits and veggies that you are planning on discarding prior to any vacation plans.**

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web!

[www.goldenview.  
myvetonline.com](http://www.goldenview.myvetonline.com)

*A BIG thank you to our volunteer Coral  
for helping us with this newsletter.*

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## **Seasonal Specials** Call now to schedule an appointment

**August 1st -31st**

### **Dental Special**

*Back by popular demand!*

*Take 15% off all dentals in  
AUGUST!* Discount applies  
to anesthesia and cleaning  
only. Additional fees in-  
clude Bloodwork, IV fluids  
and extractions.

**September 1st–30th**

### **SEPTEMBER is Senior Wellness Month**

*Studies have shown that as  
many as 17% of senior cats and  
23% of senior dogs have under-  
lying disease even though they  
may appear healthy during the  
physical exam. Take 25% off all  
senior labwork performed during  
their wellness exam 9/1-9/30.*