



# The Golden "View"

Your place for the latest happenings at GoldenView Veterinary Hospital (GVH)

## Four Years and Growing

It is hard to believe that it was only four years ago that *GoldenView Veterinary Hospital* was born (that is 25 years in dog years). It was April 2003 that our doors opened and we began managing the health of so many wonderful pets. Since then, the staff has increased from two to twelve wonderful and caring support staff and doctors, and our client base continues to grow daily.

It is part of the mission of *GVH* to offer quality state of the art medical, surgical and dental care to all of our clients who share their lives with dogs, cats, birds ferrets, and many other exotic mammals and reptiles. To ensure that this is possible, the doctors and staff of *GVH* are committed to attending as many continuing education

lectures as possible.

*GVH* has also added new services, such as acupuncture and dental radiography, to a growing list of available services.

We hope to continue to exceed your expectations of veterinary care, and hope that you will let us know if we do not. We also hope that you will visit our website ([www.goldenviewvet.com](http://www.goldenviewvet.com)) to get to know us and what we are up to, as well as to learn about any current health concerns that may affect you and your pet.

If you have any questions or suggestions, feel free to email us at:

[gvh@goldenviewvet.com](mailto:gvh@goldenviewvet.com). Have a great summer, and stay cool and safe!!

*Dr. Kris*

## GVH Now Offers Acupuncture!

As part of our commitment to offer the best in animal care, *GVH* is now offering acupuncture.

Acupuncture has been used in Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) for humans and animals for centuries. The theory behind acupuncture is based on the existence of meridians/paths along the body which correspond to organs or energy channels. Very fine needles are placed in areas of muscle tension and palpable body pains, or in locations chosen based on symptoms indicating energy and/or organ dysfunction. For example, in an elderly dog presenting for increased drinking, increased urination, generalized weakness and hearing loss, acupuncture points would be chosen to strengthen the kidney.

Best success is seen using acupuncture for

arthritis and muscle strains and sprains, and chronic pain conditions. In these cases the placement of needles causes release of natural endorphins, stimulation of underlying nerves, and increased blood circulation to affected areas, aiding in relaxation and healing of those tissues. After initial treatment, many animals often welcome the next treatment because they remember the feeling of relief and relaxation. Typical treatment consists of an initial consult and once weekly treatment for 4 weeks. After that, frequency of treatment is based on the animal's needs. If there are any questions regarding acupuncture, or if your animal would benefit from acupuncture, please call for an appointment or email Dr. Flores at: [gvh@goldenviewvet.com](mailto:gvh@goldenviewvet.com).

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**As of July 1st, 2007, *GVH* will no longer accept personal checks.**

***GVH* welcomes cash, Discover, MC and Visa. We also offer Care Credit as a convenient financing option. Thank you.**

# Diana's Delectables

Your dog or cat needs healthy, balanced nutrition just like you and me. In light of the current product recall on many of the more popular pet foods, you may want to consider a homemade diet for your "kids." Contrary to popular belief, homemade diets can be quite simple to make. Your pet will benefit greatly from these healthy recipes.

(Taken from "Home-Prepared Dog and Cat Diets, The Healthful Alternative", by Donald R. Strombeck, DVM, PhD)

## Eggs and Rice Diet for Dogs

3 large, hard-boiled eggs\*

2 cups long-grain rice, cooked

2 tablespoons sardines, canned, tomato sauce

2 tablespoons vegetable (canola) oil

¼ teaspoon salt substitute – potassium chloride

4 bonemeal tablets (10-grain or equivalent) – available at any health food store

1 multiple vitamin-mineral tablet\*\*

Provides 964 kilocalories, 34.1 grams of protein, 49.4 grams fat. Supports daily caloric needs of a 33 to 34 pound dog. This diet is relatively high in fat and is suitable for an active or working dog. To modify this diet for less active dogs, the vegetable oil can be omitted, which reduces the caloric content to about 712 kilocalories. Without the vegetable oil the bonemeal tablets can be reduced to three. Omission of sardines reduces caloric content by 68 kilocalories, protein by 6.2 grams and fat by 4.6 grams.

## Tuna Diet for Cats

4 ounces canned tuna (in water)

1 large, hard-boiled egg

1 tablespoon vegetable (canola) oil

2 bonemeal tablets (10-grain or equivalent)

1 multiple vitamin-mineral tablet\*\*

Provides 326 kilocalories, 33.3 grams protein, 21.5 grams fat. Supports daily caloric needs of approximately 8 pound cat.

\*Can substitute 1 cup of 2% cottage cheese, 1/3 pound of cooked poultry meat or 1/3 pound of very lean, cooked beef if desired.

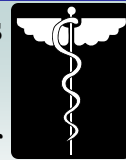
# Meet the Staff

GVH continues to grow and grow. In addition to welcoming *Dr. Crystal Flores* to our staff, we have also added two more *Client Service Representatives* to better serve you and your pet's needs.

- *Diane*, is a Colorado native (not to be confused with *Diana*, our *Boarding Coordinator*) and joined GVH in April.
- *Nicole*, a *Veterinary Nurse*, just joined GVH and is our most recent addition.
- *Rachelle*, is from New York and will be working hard in the back as our *Nurse Assistant*!

Welcome *Dr. Flores, Diane, Nicole and Rachelle!*

**Need a copy of your pet's  
medical records?**



**Please allow 7 days to process your  
request.**

**A \$10 administrative fee may apply.**

## Upcoming Monthly Specials for 2007

### August is Dental Cleaning and Assessment Month

15% off your pet's dental cleaning and assessment during the month of August. Additionally, because 80% of dental disease occurs below the gum line, we recommend dental radiographs to check for problems. Receive full mouth radiographs for only \$75 (a \$100 value!).

**\*\*Extractions and Bloodwork are not included.**

### September is Senior Pet Wellness Month

Take \$20.00 off canine or feline senior labwork during your pet's exam. With routine laboratory testing and blood pressure check during your pet's annual exam, problems may be detected and treated earlier.

# Stefanie Says...

## Q: What is Plague? Are my pets at risk?

A: "Plague" is a bacterial infection that is most commonly found in wild rodent populations. The bacteria that cause it (*Yersinia Pestis*) are carried by fleas that infect wild rodents (e.g. prairie dogs, squirrels), rabbits and cats. The disease can be found every year in Colorado and other western states, typically from April through November.

Dogs are generally resistant to infection and humans can become infected. However, cats are highly susceptible to infection. The most common route of infection for cats is through consumption of infected rodents, or cats may also get bitten by an infected flea. Infected fleas can jump on to animals or humans, and may be transported on coyotes, foxes, and birds that feed on infected carcasses.

There are three manifestations of "plague." Bubonic is the most common form and causes high fever, lethargy, loss of appetite, and enlarged lymph nodes. The Septicemic form is less common and will also cause high fever, lethargy, loss of appetite and progresses to vomiting, diarrhea, shock and possible death. The Pneumonic form of the plague is the most severe and

may develop secondary to bubonic or septicemic forms. It is of particular concern to people in contact with infected cats. Pneumonic plague affects the respiratory system and causes fever, oral/nasal discharge, coughing and sneezing, and difficulty breathing. Most cases of plague are treatable with antibiotics if caught early enough.

Transmission of plague from cats to humans has occurred via transportation of infected fleas into homes, bites, scratches, direct contact with infectious tissues and fluid, and by inhalation of infectious aerosolized droplets. Flea prevention is highly recommended for outdoor pets, and people are encouraged not to pick up or come into contact with dead rodents, rabbits or stray cats. If you find dead rabbits or rodents, please report them to the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (1-877-462-2911). If you suspect that your cat may be infected, or you have an outdoor cat that needs flea control, please call GoldenView Veterinary Hospital (303-279-9182) to schedule an appointment to evaluate your pet.

## Annie's Fund

In memory of Dr. Ahlgrim's beloved English Setter, "Annie."

*Annie's Fund* was established in February 2005 to assist GoldenView Veterinary Hospital with taking care of relinquished or injured animals brought in by Good Samaritans. Thanks to generous support from many of you, *Annie's Fund* continues to offer options for treatment and surgery that, otherwise, would not have been available to these animals.

Mark your calendars now so you won't miss our latest and greatest fundraising event.

**1st Annual GVH Flea Market to benefit *Annie's Fund*.**

**When? Sunday, September 9th**

**Where? GVH Parking Lot**

**Time? 10am - 2pm**

**Join us for flea market fun!**

All proceeds will directly benefit *Annie's Fund*.

We are currently seeking donations of items in good and working condition. Contact us for drop-off information. Please no clothing or large appliances. Towels and blankets will gladly be used to aid in the comfort and care of the patients at our hospital. Thank you for your support!

Our most recent and ever grateful recipients are:

Found in a backyard, "*Jackpot*," a wonderful young budgie came to GVH with wing trauma and no place to live. Although *Jackpot* needed to have part of his wing amputated, he healed quickly and made lots of friends before he left GVH to live with another budgie in a loving home.

"*Larry*" the canary came to GVH with an injured leg after leaving a crowded situation. A generous GVH client donated money to ensure that *Larry* would have no worries while he received treatment to regain strength and use of his leg. *Larry* was an excellent patient and regained full function of his leg before becoming eligible for adoption.

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## **Future Monthly Specials** Call now to schedule an appointment

At GoldenView Veterinary Hospital, we continually strive to provide our clients with not only excellent medical care, but also a commitment to quality pricing. Our monthly specials are another way you can take advantage of this. See inside this newsletter for our next monthly specials and look for other great upcoming specials each month.

### **October**

**Avian and Exotic Pet  
Wellness Month and  
Tortoise/Turtle  
Hibernation Special**

Take 10% off wellness testing for avian and exotic patients.

In preparation for the hibernation season, take 20% off exam and standard profile with fecal exam for all hibernating turtles and tortoises.

### **November**

**November is  
Adult Pet Wellness  
Month**

Have you wondered if your pet companion is truly healthy? He seems to be acting fine and enjoying life, but is he healthy? A wellness package is a great way to check out your pet's overall health. You will have a peace of mind knowing that early disease detection can lead to earlier treatment and a longer, happier life. Take \$10.00 off dog and cat wellness blood/fecal testing.

### **December**

**December is  
Microchip Month**

During the month of December take advantage of our microchip special and save 25% off microchipping! Have your pet microchipped in December during an office visit for only \$40 and increase your chances of being reunited with your lost pet.