

Animal Tales

AVC Vet Camp



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What we did today...

Another great day at Vet Camp! This morning started off with a great lecture by Dr. Ortenburger on Integrative Medicine. Then it was off to do a physical exam on one of the teaching beagles. They are such sweet dogs! Next on the agenda was to see a dog spay with Dr. Kathy Ling. It was a great opportunity to speak directly to a surgeon while she was performing a surgery and you all asked great questions. What did you think of the large animal physical? It was kind of cool to have your own stethoscope to work with. Toxicology was the last thing before lunch and you're now able to recognize common household items which are poisonous to your pets.



After lunch, Dr. Danielle Dunn shared information about shelter medicine, a topic she knows a lot about as she is the veterinarian at the PEI Humane Society. Did she bring along an animal or two? Then it was off to the lab for an up close and personal session with bacteriology. After a snack, Dr. Loftstead presented a lecture on Zoonotic Diseases.

What's happening tomorrow...

Thursday will be another wonderful day. Aquatic Animal Ultrasound and Diagnostic Imaging start off

the day followed by the dissection of a pig heart to better understand it's functional anatomy. Once you know it inside and out (literally) we'll have a Cardiac ECHO demonstration (an ultrasound of the heart) with Dr. Côté, one of only 5 Veterinary Cardiologists in Canada! This way you'll get to see how the heart really works in a living animal!

After lunch we'll hear about being an Animal Health Technician—they sure do a lot for veterinarians. Then you'll have a demonstration about clicker training a dog using positive reinforcement. For our last activity of the day you'll get to see an awesome demonstration called Shutzhund (German for protection dog), a dog sport that was developed in Germany in the early 1900s. You'll be awed at what these dogs can do!

Be sure to put your "Ask the Experts" questions in the fish bowl outside Lecture Theatre A so they can be answered by the expert panel on Friday afternoon (parents can submit questions too!). It's scheduled to begin at 1:45 pm. Parents and family members are welcome!

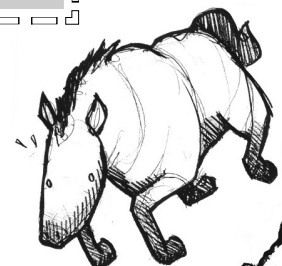
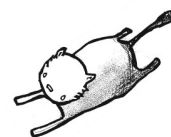
Fun Facts You Never Knew

- One 15' great white shark was found with over 200 crabs in its stomach.
- Pigs and walrus can get sunburned.
- An elephant's tooth can weigh up to 12 pounds.



Did you hear about what happened to the dog that gave birth by the side of the road?

She got a ticket for littering!



Thursday's Weather

Another cloudy day tomorrow but clearing in the afternoon. Fog patches dissipating in the morning. High 19. Where has the summer weather gone?



Looking for something to do?

Visit Victoria Row in Historic Downtown Charlottetown where you can enjoy outdoor dining, the Confederation Centre of the Arts, art galleries, unique gift shops and more! Live music is played outdoors most evenings.



Be sure to visit Charlottetown's Farmers Market directly across from the entrance to AVC on Wednesdays and Saturdays. Great food and handmade treasures abound!

Looking for some fantastic coffee? Take a moment and stop in at Leonhard's, 42 University Avenue. The lentil soup is delish and the sweets are sweet. Their bread is hearty with lots of flavour. Lovely spot to while away an hour in the mid-day sun.

Or maybe something more exciting is on your list. How about an adventure on the high seas for the whole family? Deep sea fishing might be just the thing for you. There are any number of operators on the north shore of the Island who offer a half-day sail including the chance to catch your supper—could be cod or mackerel—and they'll even clean them for you. Yummy...



Expansion News at AVC...

The Atlantic Veterinary College is just finishing a

Tuna Balls—cats love'em!

Ingredients:

- 1 can drained tuna
- 1/2 C cooked turkey or chicken, cut up
- 2/3 C dry cat food
- Sliced vegetables (optional)



Directions:

- Mix all ingredients in a small bowl until well mixed.
- Form into small balls or anything that you're comfortable with (may have to add a little water). Chill for about one hour. Roll the balls in breadcrumbs or anything crumbly. Serve.

\$45 million expansion and renovation. The Research Complex opened in June 2008 and renovations to Diagnostic Services and the Small

Animal Hospital are complete, including a newly expanded Intensive Care Unit (ICU).

The Learning Commons opened late in 2009, and provides students with increased resources such as small-group teaching rooms, increased computer facilities, large flexible classrooms, and a student common area.

Our last phase of the project is in the works. This phase is a large expansion of the aquatic area on Level 1, as well as new flexible holding areas which will enable AVC researchers to further their aquatic species health research capacity and remain at the forefront of aquatic veterinary sciences.



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