

## Dr. Chisholm's Top-Secret Summer Tips!

We have teamed up with Lifelearn Animal Health to give you access to two powerful tools through our website. Both can be found on our website under the "Pet Health" title. The first is the "Pet Health Checker". It lets you search for conditions by symptoms and it can help you decide if and how urgent veterinary care might be. We are always happy to take questions by phone and email, but this tool is available even when our office is closed.

The second tool is the "Pet Health Library". It has hundreds of useful and interesting articles. For example, the article on Bernese Mountain Dogs tells how they can be trained to pull carts, and the article on Histiocytomas reveals that these skin tumours of young dogs often cure spontaneously without treatment.

So if it is Saturday morning and you notice that your cat seems to be drinking more than normal, or you are out at the lake and you are wondering why dogs have wet noses, both these tools can be a big help.

### A Tale of Two Roots

Periodontal disease affects the tissue around the tooth root. It is the most common dental problem in dogs and cats, and it is frustrating. Sometimes the visible portion of a tooth, the crown, will appear normal, but an X-ray image will show that the bone around the root has been destroyed by infection. One of the reasons dental X-rays are such an important part of any dental treatment procedure is that they reveal disease that would otherwise have been invisible.

In the image, the root on the far right has lost more than two thirds of its attachment to the jaw bone. The best treatment for this patient is extraction of this tooth. When this much bone loss has occurred, the tooth cannot be saved.

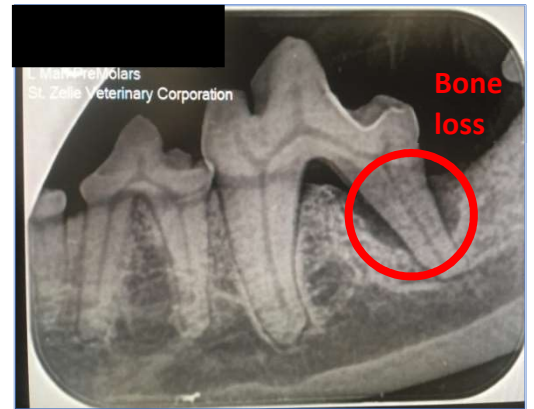


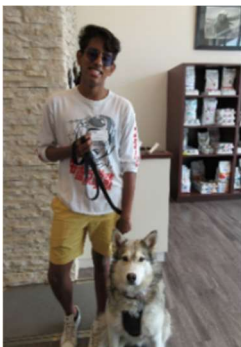
Photo credit: Dr. Leigh Chisholm Seasons Veterinary Clinic

### Welcome to the team Dragana!

We are excited to announce that Dragana has joined our team at Seasons Vet clinic! Dragana is currently finishing her undergrad degree in science. Dragana loves animals and has 2 cats of her own: George and Jerry. She looks forward to meeting you, and your pets at Seasons Veterinary Clinic!

### July Newsletter Prize Winners

Congratulations to Maya's owner (left) and Snowy's owner (right) on winning our July newsletter trivia! We hope you enjoy your treats to iHOP and Jugo Juice!



### The Repulsive Raccoon Roundworm: *Baylisascaris procyonis*

Check out our information paper about the Repulsive Raccoon Roundworm! This nasty little parasite can cause some very serious complications if it infects a person. Check out the "News and Views" section of our website for more information on this potentially fatal parasite and how to minimize your risk of infection ([www.seasonsvetclinic.com](http://www.seasonsvetclinic.com)).

### Trivia Time!

The first person to call in with the correct answer to the following 2 questions wins a gift card to iHOP! The second person to phone wins a gift card to Jugo Juice! (Hint: the Repulsive Raccoon Roundworm paper may be helpful!)



1. What type of host is a human in the life cycle of the *B. procyonis*?
2. What are the three types of larval migrans and where do they go in the body?