



# Henry County Animal Hospital



Welcome our new  
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Veterinarian Dr.  
Emily Whitmore!!!  
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## Holiday Season 2011



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### Dear Clients and Patients,

Time has really flown by since I purchased Henry County Animal Hospital three years ago!! Like most of the local community, the hospital has weathered many unexpected heartaches, both personal and financial, in the last few years. Just like a serious wound, the hospital needed time to heal, reflect, and find a way to move forward.

Trying to focus and invest in the future, the hospital has undergone a number of changes. Since 2008, the hospital purchased new laboratory equipment including Lasercyte, Snap Reader, Stat Spin, Chemistry Analyzer, and Coagulation Analyzer. This equipment allows us to run almost every blood test right at the hospital in your animal's time of need, and made Henry County Animal Hospital the most technologically advanced hospital within 50 miles! To keep your pet safer during surgery, we purchased a Cardell heart rate, blood pressure, EKG, temperature, pulse oximeter, and respiratory monitor. In addition, because of broken and/or unusable parts, we replaced the dental ultrasonic scaler, polisher, and high-power drill, the x-ray machine processor, and IV fluid pumps. Changes more visible to you include landscaping, waiting room furniture, bathroom fixtures, and completely renovated reception, waiting and exam rooms. **NO MORE BLUE!!**

Over the last few years, we have tried to build a compassionate, competent, and trustworthy team of professionals to care for your pets. I am very excited to welcome Dr. Emily Whitmore (see page 2) to our hospital family! Dr. Whitmore joined the practice in November, and we hope she stays with us for a long time.

Look for more services and improvements to the hospital in the future. Plans for a new hospital sign are underway, and we are currently updating the website. Please enter your e-mail address on our website to receive all future newsletters, specials, and important news and information. We are also planning a number of free educational seminars for 2011.

Have a safe and happy holiday season. We look forward to seeing you and your pets in 2011!

Sara Zimmers, DVM



# Happy Holidays from HCAH

## Dr. Emily Whitmore

Growing up in the Charlottesville area and living in the state my whole life, I am a true Virginia Hokie fan!!

As an undergraduate, I attended The College of William and Mary where I discovered veterinary medicine was the perfect profession combining my love of animals with science, medicine, and problem solving. After my undergraduate work, I moved to Blacksburg to attend Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine (VMRCVM for short)! I developed interests in soft tissue surgery, internal medicine, and ultrasound. I also rescued my hound-mix, Kona,

I am excited to be at Henry County Animal Hospital and look forward to providing high quality medicine and compassionate care to you and your furry family members. In my free time, Kona and I enjoy being outdoors taking long walks, running, and hiking. I also love playing soccer, traveling internationally, and photography.



Our Kennel is Always Open!!

No matter what the weather looks like outside, your pets are warm and comfortable with us.

We're here to walk and feed our furry guests even if the hospital is closed due to snow or ice.

## Nina's Nutrition Notes

Good nutrition is the best preventive medicine. Organic and whole foods not only boost the immune system, but also prevent many cancers and endocrine diseases. For this reason, Henry County Animal Hospital carries ONLY diets and treats that contain whole proteins and grains, no protein or grain by-products, no artificial colors or preservatives. We have Wellness, Innova, Evo, and Blue Buffalo foods in stock. We also carry the entire line of Royal Canin prescription diets for those pets with special medical needs.

Vitamins, omega-3 fatty acids, antioxidants, and other supplements can play an essential part in your pet's overall health, as well as target specific ailments such as arthritis, allergies, and heart disease. We carry Transfer Factor Vitamins, Wholistic Pet Organics vitamins and Salmon Oil, and most of the Vetri-Science line of nutraceuticals. Please call the hospital for more information.

**Who is Nina?** Nina is Dr. Zimmers' teacup Chihuahua and the hospital's official treat taster. Nina has food allergies and metabolism issues. So, it is important for her to eat only whole foods and treats. If Dr. Zimmers would not want Nina to eat it, we don't carry it!!

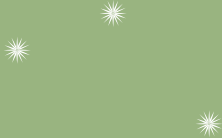
Look for more nutrition information and specials on our website at [HenryCountyAnimalHospital.com](http://HenryCountyAnimalHospital.com)



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## **CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE!!**

**[WWW.HENRYCOUNTYANIMALHOSPITAL.COM](http://WWW.HENRYCOUNTYANIMALHOSPITAL.COM)**

The website has been updated to give you access to important news and information. Check back often for specials, newsletters, and seminar announcements.

Let us know what you think and enter to ***win great prizes!***

### **Infectious Diseases in Our Community**

Our pets that venture outside are susceptible to a variety of infectious diseases. These stats were collected from the Henry County Animal Hospital Lab Log and are current from January 1, 2010 to November 15, 2010.

<u>Disease</u>	<u>Confirmed Cases</u>
Lyme Disease	41
Erhlichia canis	50
Anaplasmosis	5
Heartworm Disease	11
Feline Leukemia Virus	1
Feline Immunodeficiency Virus	5
Parvoviral Infection	9

Preventative medicine is the best protection for your pet against these serious diseases. Lyme, Erhlichia, and Anaplasmosis are tick-borne illnesses. Topical tick preventatives such as Advantix, Revolution, and Frontline are recommended. Revolution also protects against heartworm disease. Other heartworm preventatives are Interceptor and Sentinel. Feline Leukemia Virus (FeLV) and parvovirus are best prevented through vaccination. Please call the hospital for more information.

## FREE NUTRITION SEMINAR

### HOW TO READ A FOOD LABEL

### Henry County Animal Hospital

Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2011 1-3pm

Bring your pet's food can, bag, or just the label and join us for a fun and informative talk

Participants will be entered to win a free bag of food and receive a goody bag full of information and treats for their furry family members

Space is limited to 30 people for this event  
Reservation is required  
Call the hospital for more details

