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Dear Friends and Clients,

Now is the time to get ready for spring. One of the most important things to do is make sure your pets are protected against **Heartworm Disease, Intestinal Parasites, Fleas, and Ticks.**

We now know cats can get a potentially fatal heartworm infection just as easily as dogs. For our cats, we recommend using a topical product called **Revolution**. This should be applied to the skin between the shoulders once monthly beginning May 1st through November. If you already have the Revolution please start May 1st. If you need to pick some up please give us a call at the number above and we will be happy to get it ready for you.

For our dogs, they should be on **Heartgard** once monthly, preferably year round for heartworm and intestinal parasite control. The tick population (including the deertick) has exploded in the lower peninsula of Michigan. Grand Traverse and neighboring counties are now considered endemic for Lyme disease. Northern Michigan Veterinary Hospital is not advising the Lyme vaccination for all dogs yet, but we are advising either **Frontline** or a New Product called "**Nexgard**" for tick preventative. **Nexgard** is a once monthly **chewable** product that will kill, not just fleas but also ticks within 48 hours. The advantage of Nexgard is this product will not wash off. We advise using either Frontline topical or Nexgard oral April through November for all dogs. These products alone give us 80% protection against all tick borne diseases. If you need to pick up your Frontline, Nexgard or Heartgard please give us a call in advance so we can make sure it is ready for you.

If you have any questions regarding this upcoming Flea, Tick, and Heartworm season please feel free to call us and we will be happy to answer any of your questions. If you would like additional information regarding the **Deer Tick** and **Lyme Disease** go to www.mi.gov and type in Lyme Disease in the search field. We look forward to hearing from you soon. Together we can keep our furry friends healthy and safe in 2015.

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NMVH Updates

For those of you that follow the NMVH updates you already are aware of the VOM/Laser Treatments as an option for pain management. We have been utilizing these modalities for three years with many success stories.

Two years ago our Technician, Aimee was certified in Pet Massage Therapy. We have utilized massage for both pain management and behavioral issues.

One year ago we became certified by the American Association of Feline Practitioners as a Cat Friendly Practice (CFP). This program exists to improve the treatment, handling and overall healthcare of cats.


In 2014 NMVH replaced all of its blood analyzers with the best and newest technology available. NMVH also replaced its five year old digital radiography system with a new cloud based digital DR system. This new technology allows for reduced time to take the xray and a dramatic improvement in image quality. Our goal at NMVH is to have the best technology available to assist you in taking the best care possible of your pets.

You will also notice the next time you visit us our new inviting retail space! Most of the items we carry have a product guarantee and are products that we love and trust for our own pets. We have also stocked many items to help you stay on top of your pets' oral health. Come on in anytime to check out this new space!

We wish to thank each and every one of our clients for allowing us to partner with you in your pets' health care.

Sincerely,

Dr. Eric Peck & the Entire NMVH Team



Ask us about the \$50 rebate, free dose offer and product guarantee for your pets' preventatives!

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