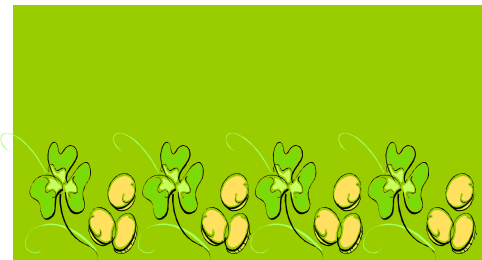


### Bit O' Good Luck!

By Mary Moore

After the bad weather last month, two Good Samaritans brought in dogs they had found. The first dog was a beautiful yellow lab with a neon orange collar. I had a feeling that he belonged to someone and was just lost. I suggested scanning the dog for a microchip. Unfortunately, there was no microchip, but the Good Samaritan agreed to hold the dog in her fenced yard while she contacted animal control and other local vets. Later that day, a young couple came in with a lost dog. He did not have a collar or tag. By the luck of the Irish when he was scanned for a microchip he had one! After speaking with Home Again, the maker of the microchip, several contact numbers were issued and after many calls, the owner was located and the dog could return home. Before we closed that evening, the owners of the yellow lab saw him in the Good Samaritan's yard and he went "home again" too. This was a happy ending for all with an important lesson. Please consider microchipping your dog or cat so that if he or she becomes missing, you can be contacted. The procedure takes less than fifteen seconds and only involves a quick injection between the shoulder blades. It could save your dog or cat's life.



### Don't Cause Your Pet to have Bad Luck! Practice Heartworm Prevention!

Heartworm disease is a serious condition caused by parasitic worms that inhabit the lungs and often the right side of the heart in cats, dogs, and other mammals. Dogs and cats of any age are susceptible to infection. Left untreated, heartworm disease can be fatal. Heartworm disease is contracted when an infected mosquito bites your dog or cat. Mature microfilariae, or heartworm larvae, are then deposited into the skin of the pet where the larvae migrate into the blood stream and to the lungs. These larvae go through many stages and after about six months, mature into adult heartworms, which then produce babies (microfilaria) and the cycle continues.

The best way to prevent heartworm disease is to start your puppy or kitten on heartworm prevention as early as six weeks of age. The preventative should be given on the same date every month. Heartworm testing is recommended yearly-or more often if prevention has been inconsistent. Available heartworm preventatives at LVH include Iverheart, Heartgard, Interceptor, and Revolution. We can discuss these products more in-depth with you anytime if desired.

### Dirt Pile In Front of Hospital=Future Shamrock Garden?

What was the big pile of dirt in front of LVH? Improvements were being made on the road and a secret tunnel bored under NC 210 (to carry sewer pipes!). We will be glad when the improvements to NC 210 are

### Adverse Weather Forced Closure of LVH. No Rainbow Here.

January 30<sup>th</sup> was the only time the hospital has ever closed in advance because of adverse weather conditions.

However our own employee of the month Amy Beswick made it in to care for our

### Employee of the Month: She's a real "Saint!"

The LVH Employee of the Month for March is Amy Beswick! Amy has been employed at LVH for eight months and has been a veterinary technician for more than three years. She has two sons, Connor, 11 years, and Taylor, 13 years. She also has two dogs, Dakota and Miller, one cat, Ding Dong, and a Quaker Parrot named Erador. In her free time, Amy enjoys landscaping and spending time with friends. Her fellow employees describe her as a hard-worker, enthusiastic, positive, helpful, and compassionate. Congratulations to Amy!



### In Loving Memory of Peggy Heckerman

On Thursday, February 18, we said "Goodbye" to one of our most valued clients, Peggy Heckerman. Peggy passed away due to complications from a recent surgery. Peggy fought a recent battle with stomach cancer. She has been bringing her Boston Terrier, Noel, to LVH for over ten years.

We will greatly miss her kind heart and bubbly personality. We have set up a memorial fund in her honor.

