

Mostly Cats Veterinary Clinic

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Clinic Hours

Monday, Wednesday and Friday: 7 am – 6 pm
Tuesday and Thursday: 7 am – 8 pm
Saturday: 8 am – Noon

Veterinary Services

Preventive Medicine, Laser and Video Technology, Full Surgical Suite, Pain Management, Radiology, Dentistry, In-house Laboratory, Cat Boarding, Cat and Dog Grooming, Microchip Pet Identification, Computerized Patient Records, and Prescription Diets and Medications.



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Join Us at our Grand Opening Saturday, May 14, 2005 9am –3pm

Win a Prize!

In celebration of our new location, you're invited to our grand opening



on Saturday, May 14, 2005 from 9am until 3pm. While here register to win one of many exciting door prizes.

Pet Portraits \$25

Have your pet's photo taken by professional photographer Kay Rumble for \$25 and receive a beautiful full color 8 x 10 portrait. One pet and up to two people can be photographed at the grand opening. Proceeds benefit the Animal Services Auxiliary Fund. Hours for portraits are 9:30am until 1:30pm; limited availability.

Demonstrations

Watch demonstrations of:

- Video technology used for diagnosing ear, nose and throat problems

- Products and techniques used for cleaning your pet's teeth at home
- Pet x-rays used in diagnosing broken bones and other ailments
- Grooming techniques for both cats and dogs

Dr. Sarah Bushmeyer, Dr. Schamberger and their entire staff will be available throughout the day to answer your questions about equipment and procedures.

Exhibitors and Refreshments

While at the grand opening browse our exhibits, which include Animal Communicator and Canine Behavior Consultant, Karla McCoy, Plush and Pretty, Quilted Paw-traits, T's n Stuff and the Winnebago County Animal Services Auxiliary. Tour our new clinic and meet our staff. We'll also have face painting and activities for children. And of course, what's a grand opening without refreshments!

Don't forget to mark Saturday, May 14, 2005 on your calendar to attend our grand opening at 4901 N. Perryville Road.

Going Out of Town?

Next time you take that business trip or family getaway, remember to check your cat into our Kitty Kondos.

During its stay, your cat will enjoy:

- A "dog free" zone
- Suites with bird-watching, sun-bathing, or privacy
- Fresh towels and blankets instead of newspaper
- Disposable litter pans changed twice a day
- Premium quality food
- Additional services available such as grooming, play-time, or daily brushing
- A dedicated and caring staff





Clients View Ailments in Real-Time

From a simple ear flush to the removal of a tumor, Mostly Cats uses the latest technology for diagnosis and treatment of ailments troubling their furry clients. The MedRx Video Vetscope System allows Drs. Bushmeyer and Schamberger to view an ear infection, dental disease, or a tumor in real-time while examining the patient during an appointment. The system is housed on a cart and can be wheeled between client exam rooms, the treatment area, or the operating room. The attached microscope adapter and full image lens enlarges the affected area and displays an image of it on a monitor. It allows for the doctor to make a quicker diagnosis and explain possible treatments to the pet owner. In some cases, the doctor can diagnosis and treat in one appointment such as quickly flushing debris or wax from a pet's ear.

At Mostly Cats, we have diagnosed and treated ailments such as ear infections, ear mites, dental disease, retinal detachments and polyps using the MedRx system. In a dog, we discovered an elongated soft pallet, which is too much tissue near the opening of the throat. The extra tissue interfered with the dog's breathing and required removal. We also discovered a fluid-filled mass under a cat's tongue known as a ranula, which was easily removed using laser surgery.

Laser surgery is easier on your pet because it results in less pain, less bleeding, and less swelling. It also minimizes side effects to surrounding tissue and reduces bacteria that may cause infection.

Using laser and video technology to diagnose and treat ailments in cats and dogs makes Mostly Cats one of the more advanced clinics in the Rockford area. We can diagnosis, treat or store images for later consultation. If your pet is scratching at its ears, pawing at its nose or rubbing its mouth along the carpet, maybe it's time for you to make an appointment. Call us today at 815-885-2200 and let us help your pet feel better.



Bad Hair Day?

Let the grooming team at Mostly Cats help your pet look its best.

With over 35 years of combined grooming experience with both cats and dogs, our team will bathe, blow dry, cut or clip your pet with loving care.

You can arrange to drop off your pet as early as 7am on weekdays and arrange for late pick-up on Tuesdays and Thursdays until 7:30pm.

Our grooming team offers:

- Lion-cuts for long-haired cat breeds
- Bathing and brushing for all cats and dogs
- Walk-in shower for large dogs
- Nail trims
- Free bows and bandannas

Call us today for an appointment at 815-885-2200.

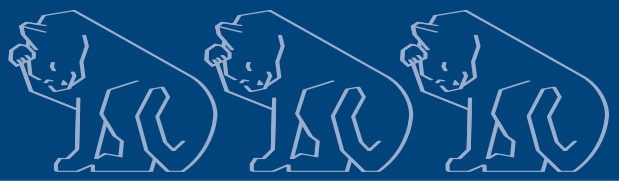
Spaying and Neutering May Help Your Pet Live Longer

At Mostly Cats, we encourage our clients to take a preventive approach in caring for their pets, which includes vaccinations for rabies, distemper, parvo, and feline leukemia, regular dental check-ups, heartworm tests, and protection from fleas. However, spaying and neutering your pet at an early age is also a preventive measure in helping your pet live a longer and healthier life. Studies have shown pets that are spayed or neutered at an early age have a lesser chance of developing reproductive cancers.

At Mostly Cats, we can spay or neuter kittens and puppies as early as three months of age or three pounds. You can choose traditional surgery or our state-of-the-art laser surgery.

If you have an unaltered pet, please consider spaying or neutering and call us today for an appointment at 815-885-2200.





Heartworm can be Prevented

In 2001, almost half a million cases of heartworm were diagnosed in cats and dogs across the United States. Heartworm is a parasitic worm called *Dirofilaria immitis*, which lives in the heart and major arteries of the lungs and is carried from animal to animal by the mosquito. Most commonly found in dogs, heartworm infects a variety of mammals including cats, ferrets, wolves, and even humans.

When a mosquito bites an infected cat or dog and feeds, immature heartworms travel into the bloodstream of the mosquito where they develop into larvae. When the infected mosquito bites another cat or dog, some of the larvae may be transferred into the bloodstream of the new victim. Once in the new animal, the larvae travels through the bloodstream until it reaches the heart and lungs, where it matures and multiplies. If left untreated, heartworm eventually clogs the heart and lungs, interferes with the flow of blood and oxygen, and results in death.

Often cats and dogs won't show visible signs of heartworm until the disease enters the advanced stages or results in sudden death. Symptoms may include coughing, difficulty in breathing, sporadic vomiting, or lethargy. Many of these symptoms mimic other illnesses and diseases, so it's important to have a blood test to determine if it's heartworm.

Blood tests are recommended for cats and dogs:

- With visible symptoms consistent with the heartworm disease
- Admitted for surgery or any anesthetic procedure such as dental cleaning
- Before receiving a heartworm preventative
- With increased risk of infection such as pets who are allowed outdoors
- Being re-evaluated after treatment for a previously diagnosed case of heartworm

Although not as common, indoor pets may also be at risk if bitten by an infected mosquito since mosquitoes may enter a home through an open door or window. And, how many times do indoor cats escape to the outdoors? Treating a pet diagnosed with heartworm can be hard on the pet and expensive for the pet owner.

At Mostly Cats, we can test your pet for heartworm while you wait with a simple blood test and recommend a year round monthly preventative. Call us today for an appointment at 815-885-2200.



From Fur Ball to Princess

When we first met Mattie about four years ago, this brown and black Persian and Tabby mix was a large matted fur ball. Her mats were so many and so tight that our groomer had to completely shave her. Mattie is now nine years old and we've spoiled her so much that she's come to think of herself as the Mostly Cats' Princess. Mattie will let



you pet her—if she feels like it—and being held is below her. She'll sleep whenever and wherever her royal highness wishes. And if you wake her, she'll glance up at you with that "What do you want?" look. When you arrive for your next appointment, don't be surprised if you see Mattie sun-bathing or high atop the Kitty Kondos in the boarding room!