

# MERRIMACK VETERINARY NEWS

*TRADITIONAL VALUES, INNOVATIVE MEDICINE*



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## ***Supporting Animals in Need***



Not every animal is as lucky as the pets that we love and provide for. Every year the Animal Rescue League of NH takes in about 1,400 homeless animals that require love, care, and safety. If it weren't for our local shelters, these animals would have no place to go and may face much harder circumstances such as life in the street, abuse, neglect, and even death. Here at Merrimack Veterinary Hospital, we proudly support the mission of local shelters like the Animal Rescue League of NH (ARL). The ARL is

even more than a shelter offering community resources such as humane education, behavior advice, low-cost spaying/neutering to those in financial need and off-site adoption centers such as PETSMAST on Route 101A in Nashua.

MVH is happy to report our dedication to the cause and we encourage our clients to do the same. It's very helpful to the shelter to have a predictable income and this can be achieved by having a constant stream of revenue from supporters like you. You can visit their website at [www.rescueleague.org](http://www.rescueleague.org) and set up a recurring donation through the safe and secure organization, JustGive.org. Visit the home page of [rescueleague.org](http://rescueleague.org), click on "How to Help" and then "Make a Recurring Monthly Donation" from the list of links in the center of the page. This will bring you to the JustGive.org website where you can set up your desired donation amount which can be as little as \$10 a month. These simple steps can save the lives of many animals in our community.

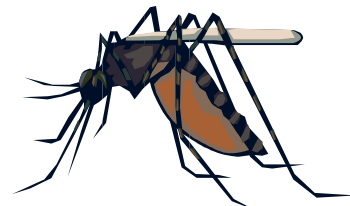


Merrimack Veterinary Hospital is also happy to be supporting the Animal Rescue League of NH in other ways. We have recently teamed up with Pfizer and Hill's Pet Nutrition to help fund adoption packets that will go home with each adopter. In addition to the packets we have also created customized cardboard cat carriers that Pfizer has agreed to fund. With the help from our partnership with Pfizer and Hill's, we have raised \$6,329 this year to help the Animal Rescue League of NH! For more information on how you can help the Animal Rescue League of NH, please call them at 472-3647 or visit their website at [www.rescueleague.org](http://www.rescueleague.org).

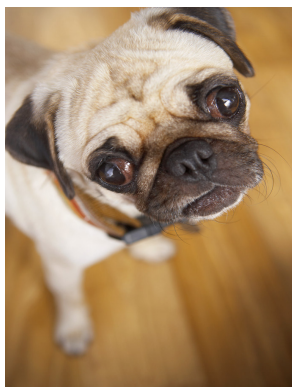


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## ***New Canine Products for Heartworm and Flea/Tick Prevention***



We are all happy that the warm weather is here again! After that long winter we are ready for some fun in the sun. Unfortunately, with warm weather come pesky parasites such as fleas, ticks, and mosquitoes. It is important that we protect our pet from these potentially dangerous parasites and there are several different products on the market that you can choose from to do this. At Merrimack Veterinary Hospital we chose products to carry that we believe provide you and your pet the best combination of safety, effectiveness, and value. Two such recent products we have been using are *Tri-Heart Plus* and *Vectra 3D*. Both of these products offer the same protection as other leading heartworm and flea/tick preventatives.



***Do parasites have your dog worried?***

*Tri-Heart Plus* is a pork flavored chewable tablet that is otherwise identical to *Heartgard*. It protects your dog against mosquito-borne heartworms along with intestinal roundworms and hookworms. This preventative is given once-per-month and should be given year round.

*Vectra 3D* is a once-a-month topical skin treatment for dogs that repels and kills mosquitoes, fleas, and ticks. This product is created with a new molecule that does not have the resistance that other flea/tick products have had. *Vectra 3D* also features a more pet comfortable applicator and is safer for the environment than *Frontline*.

Both of these products are offering a rebate to our clients. When purchasing 12 doses of *Tri-Heart Plus* you save \$5.00. When purchasing a 6-pack of *Vectra 3D* you can take \$15.00 off your next veterinary visit! If you would like to purchase or learn more about these products, please contact us at 603-424-9922.

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