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Dr. Amanda Hauer

Dr. Hauer grew up in Edmonton, however the beauty of Victoria and the amazing people have kept her here on the West Coast.

As a relatively recent graduate (2017), Dr. Hauer brings new and innovative ideas to Hillside Veterinary Hospital. Her goal is to continue evolving as medicine changes. She has a passion for science and learning that keeps her inspired in her veterinary career.

"We are constantly learning in this job and every day is a new challenge, which I love".

Outside of work, Dr. Hauer likes to keep active playing basketball and volleyball. She also enjoys spending time with her cat Naula whom she adopted during veterinary school.

Welcome to the Hillside family Dr. Hauer!



Meet our new staff

Friendly new faces around the Hospital

Sam comes to our reception team from Thunder Bay, Ontario to test the waters of the West Coast! She has an 8-month-old kitten named Florence, and a 3-year-old cat named Foster. When she's not at work, you'll find Sam playing board games, hiking, or spending time with her kitties!



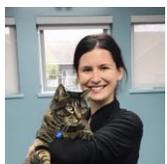
Lisa joins our reception team from Wellington, New Zealand, and has been travelling through Canada for the past year! Because she doesn't have any pets staying with her in Canada, she's extra excited to meet yours! When she's not working, you'll find Lisa exploring the city, or attending German language classes.



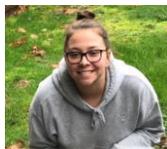
Bryana brings 5 years of experience to our reception team. In her spare time, Bryana loves relaxing with a good book, and contributing as a Guide Leader with Girl Guides Canada! Bryana takes a special interest in wildlife rehabilitation and loves expanding upon her knowledge of environmental sciences.



Erin comes to us from Glasgow, Scotland, and has travelled across the country to "the best city in Canada". Erin joins our rehabilitation department with an enthusiastic passion to see animals progress and achieve their best outcomes. She's excited to continue to explore Vancouver Island!



Brooke is excited to join our reception team with aspirations of becoming a veterinarian. She's always had a passion to care for people and animals, especially her 9-year-old Shih Tzu Cloe. Outside of work, she enjoys going for walks and hikes, and spending time with family.



Jocelyn will be joining our vet assistant team as a local Victorian. She loves the atmosphere of working in a veterinary hospital as it keeps her on her toes, and allows her to work along side animals. Her hobbies include photography, hiking, and camping.

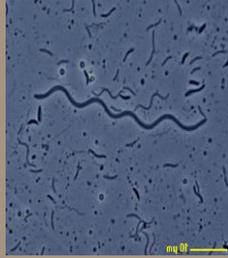


Celina is new to the veterinary industry and joins our vet assistant team after spending a few months volunteering with us. Her favorite part of being a vet assistant is taking care of and giving love to recovering patients.



Q: What do I need to know about Leptospirosis?

A: Leptospirosis is a bacterial infection most commonly acquired by drinking, swimming, or walking through contaminated water, or sometimes by direct contact with infected animals (usually racoons, rats, deer or rarely other dogs). The symptoms vary and are non-specific, but can include fever, gastrointestinal disturbance, and lethargy, sometimes progressing to liver or kidney failure. It is treatable with antibiotics when diagnosed in time, however it can be fatal.



The bacteria can be shed for months after exposure and remain active in the environment for a long time.

Leptospirosis has been in the news lately due to a recent case in Sooke, however it has been present on Vancouver Island for a long time.

The risk of contracting the disease remains relatively low, and the decision whether to vaccinate your dog should be made on a case-by-case basis. Your veterinarian can guide you in making this decision based on your dog's lifestyle, general health, and other factors.



Holiday Hours

December 7	8:00-3:00
December 24	8:00 – 12:00
December 25	Closed
December 26	Closed
December 31	8:00-3:00
January 1	Closed

Please contact Central Victoria Veterinary Hospital at 250-475-2495 during our closures.

Holiday Safety...

During the holiday season festive food platters are often left out for guests to nibble on. Take extra care that food is out of your pet's reach! Ingestion of chocolate, raisins, high fat foods, and toothpicks may cause an unexpected trip to the veterinary hospital.

Also, some Christmas plants are toxic to pets. Keep them away from mistletoe, holly, poinsettias and amaryllis. If ingested, they may cause vomiting, diarrhea and/or other health problems.

Barricade the water trough around the tree to prevent your pet from drinking from it. Tree water may be dirty and contain pine needles, which are indigestible and may cause an upset stomach.

“Avoid using tinsel on trees! Curious animals are attracted by the shiny strings and may swallow them...”

Don't allow your pet to drink from puddles, particularly in the winter! Puddles, particularly on the road, may contain ethylene glycol (antifreeze) which can be fatal if ingested. Take care to avoid using FOOD (candy, popcorn, cranberries) as ornaments.

Avoid using tinsel on trees! Curious animals are attracted by the shiny strings and may swallow them, which can lead to serious injury-and expensive surgery. Cats in particular are guilty of tinsel ingestion!

The staff at Hillside Veterinary Hospital want your holidays to be merry and bright, however if something unexpected does happen to your pet, know that we're here to help! Give us a call at 250-598-4477.