



Volunteer Service in Thailand

Our family spent November 2011 in Thailand with extended family. Towards the end of our holiday, Tipkamon and I volunteered some of our time at a stray-dog rescue centre in Bang Po (south of Bangkok) that had been set up by NGO's, including '[World Vets](#)' and '[Elephant Nature Foundation](#)', to provide medical and surgical attention to animals affected by the severe months-long flooding. Tipkamon, who is an RN specialized in Neonatal Intensive Care, worked as my vet tech as we treated dogs and puppies afflicted with bacterial and fungal skin infections, wounds, and severe diarrhea caused by

parasites and parvovirus.



Veterinary Team:
Photo by
Tipkamon Stitt

Featured Pet

"Goldfish 1 to 10" joined our family in Saskatoon in February 2008, as centimeter-long feeder-fish. They lived in a glass salad bowl for the next four months, then traveled overland in a large plastic zip-lock container



to Nanaimo. They had a close encounter with a base-board heater in Edmonton, when a friend's cat knocked their portable house off of the table. Now, 4 years later, "Goldfish 1- 6" (we have lost a few over the years) live in a big glass aquarium in our kitchen where they overlook our busy household.

Health Care in the Aging Horse

Guiding principles for the care and maintenance of the aging horse will be briefly introduced here. A more detailed article is available on the '[Equine and Pet Topics](#)' page of my website.

Feed high quality diets; separate feeding from younger/aggressive horses; ensure free access to clean fresh water; consider feeding extruded feeds, especially through the winter.

Provide appropriate shelter, and use a breathable waterproof blanket when it is cold and wet outside.

Inform your veterinarian of changes in body condition, behaviour and attitude.

Maintain an appropriate deworming and vaccination schedule.

Speak to your veterinarian about arthritis, Equine Cushings Disease, cataracts, cancers and other age related problems.

Mark Your Calendar!

It is time for **Spring vaccines** and **routine dental work!** Book your appointment online at 'www.winchelseavetservices.ca' or call 250-667-5534 today.

February 20 - February 24: Dr Tyler Stitt will be in Calgary, AB, for the general annual meeting of the '[Canadian Cooperative Wildlife Health Centre](#)'. Emergency calls will be covered by Coombs Veterinary Hospital (250-947-9364) and Dr Colin Scruton (250-468-5340).

Suggestions?

Suggestions for veterinary-related topics, as well as submissions for the 'Featured Pet' column, can be e-mailed to:

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