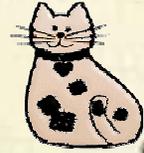


# Countryside Mews



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## Welcome to our brand new animal hospital

Countryside Pet Hospital is now open and looking forward to seeing our new and existing furry friends and their parents.

We are full service veterinary hospital offering in-house wellness exams, x-ray vaccinations, dental care, lab services and surgery.

Our patients include cats, dogs, bunnies, guinea pigs, rats, hamsters and other small mammals.



**Our Grand Opening celebration is happening Sunday July 22<sup>nd</sup> so come on by between 12pm and 3pm and have a hot dog, meet the staff and take a tour.**

**Hope to see you there!**



**Dr. Braaten, Kim and Danni**

## Hello Sunshine

It's **summer time** and the longer brighter days mean more daylight hours to keep your pets happy and healthy. Here are a few tips for the summer season.

**Overheating** can be deadly to your pet and it can take just minutes for an animal to overheat especially in a car, even with the windows open. Signs of overheating include excessive panting, dark or bright red tongue and gums, staggering, stupor, seizures, bloody diarrhea or vomiting and coma. If you suspect overheating in your pet and he/she is showing any of the above symptoms contact a veterinarian immediately. Use cool (not cold) water to cool down your pet.

Giving your dog a lightweight **summer haircut** helps prevent overheating. Shave down to a one-inch length, never to the skin, so your dog still has some protection from the sun. Brushing cats more often than usual can prevent problems caused by excessive heat.

Do not leave pets unsupervised **around a pool**-not all dogs are good swimmers. Introduce your pets to water gradually and make sure they wear flotation devices when on boats.



Rinse your dog off after swimming to remove chlorine or salt from his fur, and try to keep your dog from drinking pool water, which contains chlorine and other chemicals that could cause upset stomach.

Consider your pet's **housing**. If they are kept outdoors, make sure they have shade and fresh water access at all times. On a particularly hot day you can even hose your dog down once or twice. We suggest this for dogs only as we can imagine how your cat will react to a cold shower!

Your pet's coughing and scratching may be more than a simple hairball or flea infestation. Allergy symptoms include hacking and coughing, increased scratching and watery eyes. Pets can have **allergies** too, especially in the summer months. If you suspect that your pet has allergies make an appointment to see us and we will work with you and your pet to create a long-term allergy free health plan.

## *Spaying and Neutering for Your Pet's Best Health*



There are many reasons why all pets should be spayed and neutered.

Spaying (for females) and neutering (for males) are ways of providing birth control for dogs and cats by removing reproductive organs. Spaying a female cat/dog will make her a better pet in many ways.



It eliminates the heat cycle which often causes undesirable behaviors such as crying, pacing, visits from unwelcome males and the bloody discharge that accompanies estrus (heat).

Neutering a male often eliminates marking of territory, mounting people, furniture or other animals. It will also curb the desire to roam and be aggressive.

All animals will benefit with improved health. Breast cancer is common in nearly half of dogs that have not been spayed. However, it is virtually eliminated if the dog is spayed before the first heat cycle. 

Cats have fewer breast tumors, but they are nearly always malignant. Spaying will reduce this risk dramatically. About 60% of older unneutered dogs will suffer with genital problems.

Both dogs and cats have reduced risk of prostate problems if neutered and no risk of testicular tumors.

Females avoid serious life threatening uterine diseases such as pyometra.

**PLEASE SPAY OR NEUTER YOUR PETS!**

Please feel free to call us at anytime if you have any questions or if you would like to book an appointment to have your pet spayed or neutered.



## Adoption Corner

### *Sugar and Cedar*



**Sugar is currently available for adoption at Bully Buddies, supported by Countryside Pet Hospital.**

**Sugar** is a lovely lady, estimated at 5 years old and under 20lbs. She is wonderful in the house and out and about-though she does like to watch squirrels!

Sugar is looking for a forever home that will treat her like the princess she is. She loves to be with her people all the time and at her foster home she is like a quiet little shadow but will retreat to her bed once you're busy with something else. She does bark a bit when left alone, as she doesn't think it's fair that you have fun without her!



Sugar sleeps in her bed all night, and isn't an early riser! She is a ready made dog who will be an easy addition in any family. Good with kids, dogs and cats, she's a real catch (though she's not really great at fetch).

Visit **Bully Buddies Rescue Society** at [www.bullybuddies.net](http://www.bullybuddies.net) and learn more about Sugar and Cedar plus view other adoptables!!



Lovely **Cedar** is a 4 month old puppy looking for a wonderful, active forever home!

Cedar had a rough start in life, and was attacked by dogs at a young age. Luckily, some caring people took him in and he is almost completely healed from his injuries.

Because of his less than perfect start, Cedar will need an owner committed to socializing him with good dog friends, and maybe a nice calm female companion for company.

He currently lives with three foster sisters and boy would he prefer his own bathroom and couch! But really, he's happy to share right now.



Cedar is a tall, lanky fellow, and he'll probably be about 60lbs full grown and very, very handsome!

He is learning to love his crate, and sleeps through the whole night without accidents or complaints!

He also politely thanks <http://unleashedpetportraits.com/> for donating the awesome photo session,

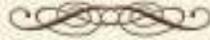
<http://www.countrysidepethospital.com/> and <http://crvet.com/> for the great vet care!

Contact Bully Buddies for more info-Sugar and Cedar are fostered in Victoria. Potential homes will require a reference check and a home visit.



"He is your friend, your partner, your defender, your dog. You are his life, his love, his leader. He will be yours, faithful and true, to the last beat of his heart. You owe it to him to be worthy of such devotion."

- Unknown



"All animals except man know that the ultimate of life is to enjoy it."

-Samuel Butler

"To err is human, to forgive, canine."

-Unknown

*Providing Care from  
the Heart*



Jade Smith-Danni's Cat

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