



Cooler Weather Coming But Fleas & Ticks Are Staying

The cooler weather of fall is here and winter will be here soon enough. With the cooler weather we often hear from pet owners that they no longer need to use flea & tick prevention products anymore but we recommend year round prevention products. We see plenty of cold temperatures here in Wisconsin but we are not consistently cold enough to completely get rid of fleas and ticks over the winter months.

The risk of ticks during the winter decrease with below freezing temperatures, the ground being frozen and having full snow covered ground. Without these three changes in the environment, ticks can awake from dormancy and begin looking for a warm body for a meal.

Fleas also can survive the cooler temperatures too! Do you know a flea can live in temperatures as low as 46 degrees and can live for 100 days in the environment without feeding. It also takes 5 consecutive days below freezing to kill an adult flea.

My dog Ate The Halloween Candy!

Common toxin risks seen in the Halloween Candy buckets:

Chocolate (the darker the chocolate the bigger the risk)

Xylitol (artificial sweetener)

Raisins

Overall excessive sugar and fat

Wrappers and small toys



The signs you may see from your pet if they ingest something toxic:

Vomiting, diarrhea, hyperactive, shaking or muscle tremors,
lethargy/weakness, loss of coordination, seizures

What should you do if your pet eats something toxic:

Call your veterinarian or ER clinic as they may instruct you to induce vomiting, or come to clinic to run bloodwork, radiographs, even hospitalize your pet in severe toxin ingestion

How to keep your pets safe:

Keep pets safe and secure, keep treats out of reach, inspect the candy bucket



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House!

Saturday October 10:

Brodhead location

Noon til 4 pm

Kids Activities

Petting Zoo

Meet the Team

Educational Displays

Clinic Tours

Raffles/Prizes

Carriage Rides

Food by:

Grilling N' Chilling Shack
& Ice Cream Treats

Sunday October 11:

Monroe location

11am to 3 pm

Kids Activities

Bounce House

Meet the Team

Educational Displays

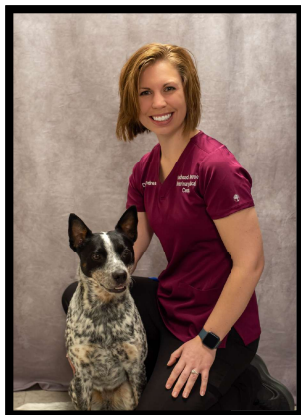
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Dr. Andrea McGowan-Hanson

Veterinarian & Owner

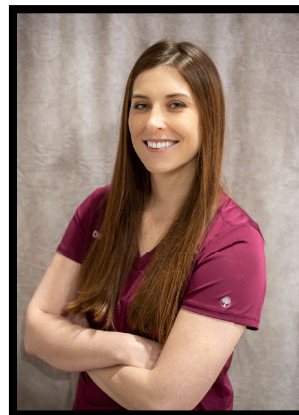
Team member since: 2022

Education:

B.S. Dairy Science Iowa State University 2015
D.V.M UW-Madison 2019

Even as BVMC continues to grow, Dr. McGowan-Hanson's vision remains clear: the clinic is a family and provide the best care for the clients and their animals. She believes deeply in building lasting relationships with her clients, from that very first puppy or kitten visit through adult and senior years, and being there when families need support the most. For her, every pet deserves the best care because they're part of the family. She earned her Bachelor's in Dairy Science from Iowa State University in 2015 and her Doctor of Veterinary Medicine from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 2019.

She grew up nearby in Blanchardville, WI, where animals have always been central to her life, from the many dogs she grew up with to the horses and cattle she spent countless hours caring for in the barn. Outside the clinic, she loves spending time with her husband, Shawn, and son, Hunter, and their surrounding family. When the weather allows, you'll find her outside working on her growing garden. She shares her home with Remi, a sassy Blue Heeler who can often be found tucked under her desk at work.



Dr. Lauren Bunting

Associate Veterinarian

Team member since: 2021

Education:

B.S. Agriculture Murray State University 2017
D.V.M University of Missouri (Mizzou) 2021

For Dr. Bunting, one of the best parts of working at BVMC is that her coworkers are some of her best friends. She enjoys spending her days alongside them doing what they do best: caring for animals. Her favorite areas of veterinary medicine are dermatology and clinical pathology. She graduated from the University of Missouri College of Veterinary Medicine in 2021. She also completed her Veterinary Spinal Manipulation Therapy (VSMT) in 2023.

Fun fact about Dr. Bunting, she was a licensed CVT before completing vet school!

Outside of work, she loves spending time with her husband and their three cats: Jorah, Trash Can, and Eggroll (two of the three are rescues from the clinic!). Together, they enjoy trying new restaurants, watching movies, and playing video games. Her favorite animal movie is Homeward Bound.