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Call Maggie at Schmidt Vet Clinic if:

1. You have a companion feline probably older than five years who has a ravenous appetite, who is losing weight and looks like a marathon runner! Your friend may be so hungry that you might be pushed out of the way as food is put in to the food dish. Consider Hyperthyroidism. Visit schmidtvvet.com and marvistavet.com under links typing in feline hyperthyroidism. We can do an examination, blood testing in our hospital and make a decision and plan in the same day!
2. You have a dog who loves to exercise in our beautiful dunes area who has suddenly become inactive, acts very painful and is feverish. Consider Lyme Disease, Schmidt Vet Clinic can do an in-hospital test to rule on this, treat if needed and can vaccinate against Lyme Disease. If it is not Lyme Disease we can work out this problem!
3. You have a dog who loves to swim in local lakes and smells bad! We have a shampoo named Keto-Chlor which works very well.
4. You have a cat or dog needing care while you are away from home. We have Camp Schmidt and Kennel Master Chuck Parsons who provides his loving care for pets.
5. You have a cat or dog needing grooming at the Schmidt Vet Clinic's The 9's Pet Salon.
6. You have a pet needing to be spayed or neutered. We offer our excellent and economical Responsible Owners Neuter (R.O.N.) service to our community.

Our New Telephone Listing under A.O.K.P.C.A. (Allegan, Ottawa, Kent, Pet care Associates) helps brand our services and allows acquisition of other pet care facilities under one listing sharing a central call and computer center.

Have a very happy summer and thanks for letting us help your family in our 61st year of service to the Lakeshore area community!



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DOES YOUR PET HAVE WEIGHT CONTROL ISSUES?

PRE-MEASURED MEALS, for both cats and dogs; putting your pet food into zip-lock storage bags, is a very effective method for pet weight management. Most pets look forward to and enjoy eating everything in the food dish regardless of the amount offered. Many pet owners have that same urge usually eating more than the recommended fistful sized portion.

The back side of kibble type cat and dog food packaging usually has a daily feeding chart based on the pets' body weight. Determine the daily number of cups needed, divide by three and then using a measuring cup, put that amount into zip-lock bags. That is the amount you will feed your friend three times each day for weight maintenance tweaking the amount up or down depending on your goal. Special weight reduction food is usually not needed.

Make each feeding a special event giving praise and encouragement. Your friend will learn to anticipate feeding times as part of the daily routine. Some pets may show resentment at first when they see the reduced amount, but be determined and continue! You may supplement these feedings by giving dogs shredded compressed plant fiber treats and by giving cats three tartar control treats each day. These suggestions and regular exercise or play time will result

**Register your email address at
schmidtveterclinic@comcast.net
and we will give you three toenail trim
and anal sac expressions having a
\$ 51.00 value!**



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Allergy Testing, Prevention & Treatment Of Your Cat Or Dog

Pets can suffer their entire lives with allergic reaction to a wide variety of environmental substances known as allergens which can occur seasonally or year round. Food allergy is the most likely cause of allergic symptoms in pets under one year of age.

Most common allergy symptoms

- Skin irritation; intense itching & scratching
- Feet licking
- Face rubbing
- Hair loss
- Ear inflammation
- Acne
- Vomiting & Diarrhea
- Respiratory signs; asthma, sneezing, nasal discharge and watery eyes.
- Cat will over groom themselves causing hair loss and skin erosion sores.

The solution for pets who have recurring signs with or without routine medications or supplements; is to test for, treat and eliminate as many allergens as possible. Schmidt Veterinary Clinic can do this!

A thorough history and examination will be done followed by submitting blood serum samples to a commercial lab to conduct Elisa tests to determine and rank environmental and food allergens that afflict your pet. The lab then uses this data to design and prepare an allergy treatment kit to use on a regular basis by injection which over time will neutralize the allergic reactions your pet suffers from.

This kit provides a long term effective treatment that gradually builds your pet's immunity to offending allergens and reduces the need for steroids, antihistamines, nutritional supplements and office visits. You can do these injections at home or have us do them.

The testing will identify food allergens that can be reduced or eliminated. We will review diet choices that are beneficial to your pet.





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Meet our team!



Marilyn

A member of the League of Women Voters, Marilyn trained as a Registered Nurse, worked at several hospitals, Dr.'s offices, the Red Cross, and is our office manager. She is Mother to two daughters and Nana to three granddaughters. She is Dr. John's wife.



Victoria

A certified pharmacy technician, a graduate of Everest University, fluent in both English and Spanish, she is ready to assist our clients with all their needs.



Bonnie

A graduate of Paragon School of Dog Grooming; she has worked for several years and specializes in breed specific cuts. She photos pets before and after a groom to achieve consistency. Bonnie is also a dog trainer and has German Short-Haired Pointers.



Maggie

A Polish Arabian Equestrian, former Navy See-Bee, morel mushroom hunter, poker player and computer nerd, Maggie fits in family and second job managing a housing complex.



Chuck

Our Camp Master is a professional impressionist artist who enjoys his furry friends when not creating beautiful paintings. Chuck is a U.S Army Veteran, outdoorsman, traveler and loves his hunting dogs and roller pigeons. Visit his beautiful paintings at www.chuckparsonsart.com



Anna

A former pet groomer, Wal-Mart and Petco veteran, pharmacist assistant and grandmother. Anna assists with surgeries and hospital duties. This billiards shark does it all!

Dr Schmidt



A Holland resident since 1950, Dr. Schmidt earned a Bachelor of Science and DVM degrees from MSU between 1962 & 1968. He was as a Captain in the USAF from 1969-70 and served as Base Veterinarian at Sheppard AFB in Wichita Falls Texas. He returned to Holland in 1971 and joined his father Dr. Lawrence Schmidt caring for livestock, poultry and pets. In 1980 his focus became household pet care. He is past president of the West Michigan Academy of Small Animal Practice and the West Michigan Veterinary Medical Association, the Michigan Veterinary Medical Association, American Animal Hospital Association, and the American Association of Feline Practitioners. He is also a member of the MSU Alumni Club, proud father of two daughters, and Papa to three granddaughters. Interests include travel, nature, photography and painting. He enjoys all aspects of veterinary practice and procedures. His wife is our office manager, Marilyn.





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- Team continued -



A relief veterinarian who has practiced for 13 years in Michigan after earning Bachelors in Science and DVM degrees from Michigan State University. She is an accomplished diagnostician and soft tissue surgeon and has worked for several veterinary clinics and as a CSNIP surgeon in Grand Rapids.

Dr Eberly



A relief veterinarian who has practiced for 13 years in Michigan after earning a Bachelor's degree in Science, and DVM degree with honors from Michigan State University.

Dr Peck



Tanya is a certified pharmacy technician after graduating from Everest Institute. She has previously been employed by several area corporations.

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