



Archie's Exotic Pet Rescue

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Rabbit Vet Education Sheet



FINDING A RABBIT-SAVVY VET

Not all veterinarians are rabbit savvy, so it's important to choose a vet that understands how to best care for rabbits. Rabbits are very different from dogs or cats and are considered to be exotic pets by vets. Most veterinary schools do not do extensive education on exotic pets, so it is up to the veterinarian to educate themselves on "non-standard" animals they wish to treat.

The right vet will know exactly how to prevent health issues for your rabbit and will also be able to detect any potential problems early. Having the right vet will prevent you from wasting your money on incorrect care or advice from veterinarians who don't know rabbits.

When trying to find the right vet for your bunny, you can ask the vet these questions:

- Do you treat exotic animals? If so, what kind of experience do you have with pet rabbits?
- How often do you see rabbit patients?
- Do you primarily treat "stock" rabbits (raised for breeding, meat or 4-H) or pet rabbits?
 - Knowing this will help you determine how your vet approaches rabbit care.
- Do you regularly spay/neuter rabbits?
- Have you ever had a pet rabbit?
- What kind of diet do you recommend for a rabbit?
 - Their advice should match up with what is recommended here.
 - You should never be told to stop feeding a rabbit before surgery.

- What kind of antibiotics would you prescribe for a sick rabbit?
 - Amoxicillin, lincomycin, clindamycin and oral penicillin are all HARMFUL to rabbits

Archie's Exotic Pet Rescue VETS

We wish to thank Dr. Merkley from the Foothills Veterinary Clinic in Cardston and Dr. Kari Grandoni and Dr. Teri White from the Peak Veterinary Hospital in Pincher Creek, for their great care of our bunnies and for their support of Archie's Angels Rabbit Rescue.

	<p>Dr. Ryan Merkley 376 1st Ave West Cardston, AB 403-653-4424 veterinaryfoothills@gmail.com <i>*not taking new patients</i></p>	<p>Monday-Friday: 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Closed 12-1 for lunch Saturday & Sunday: Closed-Emergency Only</p>
	<p>Dr. Kari Grandoni 1340 Veterans Street, Pincher Creek 403-904-1100 info@peakvet.ca</p>	<p>Hours of Operation Monday 8am - 6pm Tuesday 8am - 6pm Wednesday 8am - 6pm Thursday 8am - 6pm Friday 8am - 6pm Saturday 8am - 1pm Sunday Closed (Closed for all statutory holidays)</p>
<h3>LETHBRIDGE VETS</h3>		
<p><i>These vets will do a basic rabbit exam, and some will neuter/spay, but are not necessarily available for emergency visits/surgeries.</i></p>		
	<p>Green Acres Animal Hospital 4631 - 24 Avenue S, Lethbridge 403-327-8660</p>	<p>MON-FRI: 8:00 am - 5:30 pm SAT: 8:00 am - 12:00 pm SUN: Closed</p>
	<p>Northside Veterinary Clinic 210 12th Street A North Lethbridge 403-327-3352</p>	<p>Hours of Operation Monday to Friday 8 am – 5 pm Saturdays 9 am – 1 pm Closed on Sundays and Statutory Holidays</p>





Park Pet Hospital

Park Pet Hospital
142 Columbia Blvd W, Lethbridge
(403) 328-0028

Business Hours
Monday-Friday 8:30am-5:30pm
Closed Saturday/Sunday

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Pet Hospital**

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**Tiva
Veterinary Student**

Tiva Gorji recently moved to Canada from Tehran, where he managed a pet hospital with his partner Elnaz. He is looking forward to becoming a registered Canadian veterinarian. With a special interest in birds and exotic animals, he is focused on delivering high quality veterinary care to his patients and clients.

