

# Smokey Mtn Mobile Vet Newsletter

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## WHAT'S NEW OR DIFFERENT? (AND WHAT'S THE SAME)

- STILL DOING MOBILE CALLS
- NOW ALSO SEEING PATIENT'S AT MY PLACE (BY APPT ONLY)
- EXPANDING KNOWLEDGE ON ACUPRESSURE AND LASER THERAPY

## TOP 10 SIMILARITIES WITH BEING A MOM AND BEING A VET

WOW!! What a year! I don't know about you but I don't know where this past year went. At the beginning I felt like I was constantly going to the doctor, ready to pop. Now, I on the run, trying to keep Alexia out of everything. But when I do get a chance to slow down and think I reflect on similarities of being a mom to being a vet. Here are a few....

10. You have to be "fully stocked" at all times.
9. You wake up in the morning and by the time the day is done you don't know what you did to be so tired.
8. You never know what the day will bring.
7. You become interested in

what goes in, what comes out and everything in between.

6. Colic becomes a household word.
5. You become an "expert" on nutrition, vaccinations, and development.
4. You have a new understanding of being busy and time management.

3. You have a new appreciation to how a pack mule feels.
2. You no longer spend time making yourself look beautiful.

And finally.....

1. You realize that you can operate on very little sleep.



## SPECIALS

Get \$5 off when you refer a friend.

Check out my website for internet specials!

Need a bunch of coggins? Get 5 for \$105 or 10 for \$190. Must be at same time. Different owners ok.

## TIPS FOR BEING AN ANIMAL OWNER IN A RECESSION

Here are a few tips to help you care for your four-legged family during these hard times:

1. give yourself a little insurance. I don't mean take out an insurance policy, I mean the saying "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure" could never be truer. Getting

preventative care can keep you from having an emergency.

2. Set up a "treatment fund" for you animals. That way you know they are always cared for.
3. Patrol your area. Take a strole around your place to

detect potential hazards that can cause injury.

4. Establish a relationship with a vet ahead of time. It will shorten the time it takes for the vet to get there and potential problems may be avoided.



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**Treating your animals like family.**

As Smokey Mountain Vet continues to grow and mature the original emphasis that I will treat your animals like my family continues to hold strong. And as my family grows many of you might see “my little assistant” grow and explore. Alexia has learned become so good at being flexible when I need to take her with me that as many of you have seen it’s become habit.

So with motherhood, dogs, horses and husband my life has become quite full but each day I know that veterinary medicine is a strong passion for me, one I will continue so long as I am able.

Thank you to all for all your support.

Dr. Mary

**L E T ’ S G E T R E A D Y F O R S P R I N G !**

After all this cold weather, working outside with our animals in warm weather will be a welcome appreciation. What can you do after a winter’s hibernation to be ready for spring?

- Get a herd health check (no matter the size of your herd)
- Be up to date on vaccinations, worming and hoof care
- Clean out the barn: it helps with parasite control and respiratory conditions as well as making up feel like it’s a brand new year
- Get you truck and trailer checked out, especially the brakes and tires
- Scrub down the water tubs (it will help your animals drink more)
- Check your fence. Lots of trees came down this winter.
- Check for down trees. If they have handling limbs, the wilting leaves may be toxic
- Get a soil sample so you fertilize your pasture correctly

And the list can go on and on but the objective being to get a fresh start for 2010.

