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### Need a Vet?

by Mary Glover



Dr. Dot Sherwood with assistant at the Pet Clinic in Seldovia in 2007

Most of us in Seldovia who have pets are familiar with the [Homer Veterinary Clinic](#). The reason that I am spotlighting this business is primarily to say "Thank You" for your great service to our Alaskan communities. The Homer Veterinary Clinic is very unique as it is the only veterinary service in the southern Kenai peninsula, servicing communities as far north as Ninilchik---and they take care of large and small animals! (Snakes in Alaska?)

In 1975 Dr. Ralph Broshes, DVM, opened a veterinarian clinic in his home. Later his practice grew to a small clinic near his home until he built the present clinic in 1984 on 326 Woodside Ave, Homer, AK. In 2000, Dr. Dots Sherwood, MVB, MRCVS, MSC (from Ireland) joined Dr. Broshes as an associate. Then in 2006, Dr. Sherwood purchased the clinic and now has two additional associates working with her in addition to the office staff, who by the way, are so helpful and friendly. Occasionally Dr. Broshes still makes a patient call too! Jennifer Bando, BSc., DVM is one of the associates who specializes in large animals (e.g., horse). Vicki L. Craig, DVM specializes in the exotic species (e.g., reptiles, avians, "pocket pets" such as hamsters and ferrets). All three doctors tend to dogs and cats. When looking at the veterinarians skills, one

The clinic is very busy in the summer and, "Slow down to about 20 surgeries per week in the winter." The hours are 8-5:30 Mon-Fri and 9-5 on Sat. They also take care of the emergencies.

Sometimes they come to Seldovia for a Pet Clinic. When this happens, there is a sign up for appointment time schedule posted at the local post office bulletin board. The doctors come across the bay and clinic is set up in the firehall. People bring their pets in for treatment or current immunizations, according to the sign-up sheet. We usually keep the doctors busy all day long! Dr. Bando said that they probably will be back in the spring this year. Truly, this is so different than being a Veterinarian in the Lower-48! When considering that flying across the bay to take one's animal to the Vet costs in the range of roundtrip \$77 for the person and \$10 for the dog/cat; it can get expensive. So, for the Vet to come to Seldovia is a great community service. It also is not unusual for a pet to fly solo and get delivered to the Homer Veterinary Clinic! Such is life in paradise!

needs to remember that they earn their continuing education credits and certifications, in addition to all the hours spent treating the animals.

Thank you Drs. Sherwood, Brando, and Craig and staff for all your professional service and tender loving care for our animals. Special mention to Dr. Broshe for so many years of dedication and excellent treatment to our beloved pets.



**Dr. Jennifer Bando with Casper**



**Dr. Vicki L. Craig (left) and Sue, Office Person**



**Dr. Deni Albert with assistant at the Pet Clinic in Seldovia (Dr. Albert was a relief doctor for the summer.)**

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