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My Friends:

As we are approaching the beginning of my maternity leave, I need to update you on the various aspects of the closure of VPC. There have been new developments in the process, which I would like to pass on to you.

Firstly, pregnancy at 42 has humbled me greatly. I now understand why people say pregnancy is for the young! I thought I was 8-foot-tall-and bulletproof, but I have found that our son, Connor, has taken over my body and is dictating what I can and cannot do - little bugger. Due to his positioning and the physicality of this practice, the doctor has informed me that it is time to slow down and bring my practice to a close or risk bed rest. Apparently, Connor wishes me to sit by the pool eating dark chocolate bon-bons, which is unfortunate as I do not have either and I do not wish for my bum to grow much larger.

As it stands, I will only be able to do office visits through the June 9<sup>th</sup>. The office will remain open through the end of June on an abbreviated schedule, but I will be relegated to phone consults and packing. My hope is to have Dr. Akos Hartai, a friend and holistic colleague, see the remaining appointments at VPC for the remainder of June if at all possible. For those who have not already done so, it would be prudent to schedule your first appointment with the practitioner who is taking over your pet's care in my absence.

Dr. Mary Warren will NOT be taking over the office space as we had hoped. However, she is available to see any animal chiropractic cases with the consent from your regular veterinarian. I have posted a list on the web site including updated information on some of the veterinarians who offer alternative modalities in our area and beyond.

Product Sales Guidelines:

- 1. All products at VPC will be sold first-come-first-serve and cannot be held without pre-payment.**
- 2. Whole-istic Solutions & Standard Process nutritional supplements**
  - a. These products may be purchased at VPC through June.
  - b. Shelf life may be extended greatly by freezing unused product.
  - c. Other avenues of purchase are located on the RESOURCES page of the web site
  - d. Special Orders are available if pre-paid.

### **3. Chinese Herbal Formulas**

- a. As TCVM patterns change from season to season, Chinese herbal formulas require a practitioner's guidance to ensure the correct treatment is being given.
- b. There are very few formulas that can be continued long-term without causing compensatory issues.
- c. You may inquire if your pet's formula(s) can be refilled prior to close, but please keep in mind that in most cases, this will not be prudent or possible.
- d. As with nutritional supplements, freezing unused herbal formulas will extend their shelf life greatly.
- e. Special Orders are available if pre-paid.

### **4. Dietary Products**

- a. All dietary products that are not in stock may be ordered via Special Order requiring prepayment. Orders must be placed on Mondays to ensure delivery by Thursday.
- b. Other locations for retailers may be found on the RESOURCES page of the web site.

Up until now, your furry babies have been my surrogate babies. Now it is time to devote that time and energy to my son. I truly wish I could give you a return date as my type A personality insists on a plan, but I simply don't know. All I can say is that I expect and hope to return to work part time in Spring 2012. When, how and where will be very dependent upon a variety of factors which cannot predicted. I will say that I promise to update the web site as soon as I know something.

It has been an honor serving you and your furry friends. It is hard for me to take time away, and at the same time, I am beyond thrilled with the amazing gift I have been given at such a late stage in life! I hope to see you again in 2012.

Blessings,  
Dr. Pam

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