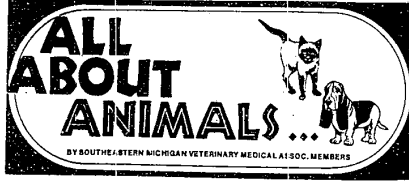




Cuddly Afghan

This beautiful Afghan named Kevin is not an average household pet. He waits, unhappily, in his confinement at the Birmingham Humane Society for someone who understands and appreciates his breed. He is kind, gentle and very lovable. Call the society at 852-7821 or 647-2710 to adopt him.



Dear Doctor:
Our new puppy was purchased from the Humane Society and they require that he be neutered when he is older. Will he get fat after the surgery is done?

J.J., Westland

Dear J.J.:

No—the only thing that makes a pet fat, even a pet that is not neutered, is if he eats too much and exercises too little. (Sounds like a people problem, doesn't it?) One change you might note within a year or so after the neutering is that he will have a different weight distribution pattern—his waist or loin area will be thicker than before.

Dear Doctor:
What organs are affected when a female dog is spayed?

T.A., Livonia

Dear T.A.:
To spay a dog is to perform a complete ovariectomy—that is to remove both ovaries and the entire uterus down to the area of the cervix. Not only does this procedure eliminate the problem of the heat period, but it also makes female dogs less prone to tumors of the breast if the surgery is done at less than one year of age.

For kids:
Are you putting out seed and other foods for the wild birds? Are you seeing lots of different kinds or are there just a few special birds that visit? Either way, once our bird friends get used to having a free meal at your house, it is important that they have food available all the time. They could get very hungry if they come to eat and find nothing there. So be sure to keep your feeder full, especially when the weather is so cold.

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Two of the oldest hospitals in Detroit, fierce competitors for almost 98 years, are celebrating the consolidation of their facilities in the Detroit Medical Center.

Harper Hospital and Grace Hospital have completed the link—a \$76 million building—that made the merger possible.

Richard L. Sejnost of Birmingham has been attending to much of the preparation in his roles as trustee of Harper-Grace Hospitals and administrator of the Harper Hospital Division.

After the hospitals merged officially in May 1974, they began building a 315-bed addition to Harper's new Webber Memorial Building, dedicated only two months earlier.

The three-story addition, now finished, makes possible the closing of the Central Unit of Grace Hospital, located adjacent to Harper on John R Street, and the transfer of patients from Grace Central to Harper. The last patients will leave Grace Central this month.

Grace Central's buildings then will be used as offices for various departments of Harper Hospital, but no inpatients will be located there. The oldest of the Grace Hospital buildings, dating back to 1888, eventually will be razed, as will the oldest Harper structures.

The northwest unit of the Grace Hospital, at 1870 Meyers in Detroit, is also party of the merger and is now known as the Grace Hospital Divi-

sion of Harper-Grace Hospitals. It is undergoing expansion and renovation.

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