

The Kearsarge/Concord Connection

Looking for something new? Take a drive to the Concord area. No matter what route you take, there's a restaurant, shop or event just 30 minutes away. Here are some ideas — including a new pet hospital and locally made products for gift giving — this winter.

Emergency care for pets

TEXT AND PHOTOGRAPHY

BY Joya Clark

In 2002, nine area veterinarians gave serious consideration to a growing concern: how to provide emergency and after-hours care for pets in the greater Concord area. “Each area veterinarian maintained day hours at their respective clinics and provided on-call hours after care individually. They wanted to provide a better quality of medicine with dedicated emergency care professionals,” says Wendy Munroe, manager of Capital Area Veterinary Emergency Service (CAVES), which opened in 2002.

Within six months of opening, CAVES expanded to provide emergency services 24 hours a day to meet

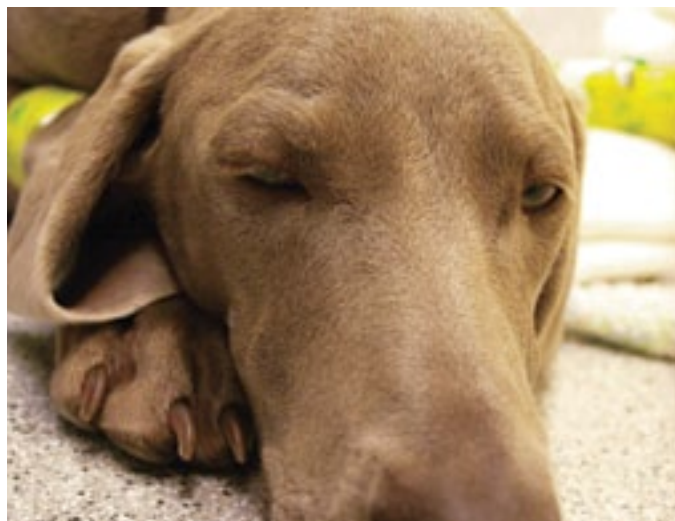
the demand. In February 2009, CAVES opened its brand new facility on Fort Eddy Road in Concord. The new hospital is a 13,000-square-foot building that accommodates three surgical suites, seven exam rooms and three

procedure rooms. CAVES (www.capareaves.org) offers progressive treatments and procedures involving the attention of multiple-skilled veterinarians, including emergency services with after care until pets are ready to go home.

“We are fortunate to offer progressive diagnostics and state-of-the-art surgical and diagnostic equipment, making some surgical procedures less invasive and recovery time much faster,” says Liz Therrien, a technician at CAVES. “It is important to have trained technicians on staff who can recognize problems with animals, especially given the emergency circumstances. The staff needs to be able to admit animals while being sensitive to the pet owner’s anxiety.”

“I love what you do here” is a quote repeatedly stated from pet owners. Testimonies abound in the office waiting area — scrapbooks containing beautiful notes of gratitude, some hand-drawn pictures in crayon by young children, and digital pictures sent in by email with stories of the family pet.

Pet owners called to coordinate an i131 treatment, a radioactive iodine treatment that can cure hyperthyroidism



in cats. The owners were thrilled that CAVES offered this service as they had waited for two months to find a place for treatment closer to home. The kitty needed an extended stay for treatment, and had a monitor set up which played videos of butterflies, birds and other kitties. The owners were able to have “virtual visits” with their pet via webcam.

Since opening, CAVES has expanded the number of hospitalization and critical-care cages. There are currently 15 inside runs, 75 cages, an outdoor service area for pets as well as a full ICU, digital radiography and a full-service commercial lab. CAVES offers ultrasound, endoscopy, a board certified surgeon, a cardiologist, and, in the future, will be able to provide MRI or advanced CT scan X-ray technology. Anyone can bring their pet to CAVES for major and minor treatments. No appointment is necessary, but you will want to call them at 227-1199.

Directions: Take I-93 to Exit 15E to I-393. Take an immediate right to Exit 1, and go straight at the light, crossing Fort Eddy Road.



PRODUCT

Cute clothes for kids

BY Laura Jean Whitcomb

Kids know when something is comfortable. My daughter has a favorite shirt, a favorite sweater, even a favorite pair of shoes. And Camille Gibson knows the trick to making clothes for kids that become a favorite and, well, almost a necessity.

“Nancy, a customer from New York, had purchased a peasant jacket for her 5-year-old daughter two years ago. She came to the League of N.H. Craftsmen’s Fair specifically to buy her daughter the next size up. She told me that her daughter wouldn’t dream of parting with her jacket, even to her little sister, until her mom got her another one!” Gibson says. “Needless to say the jacket was passed down and my little clientele are very happy.”

Gibson debuted her first line of infant and small children’s knitted clothing, called Pookie’s Playclothes, in October 2003. The simple lines, bright colors and looser fitting style have been a hit with the kids who wear them and the adults who buy them. All items are designed and made by Gibson, who uses a knitting machine. “A knitting machine can have a bed of 150 to 200 needles that resemble a latch tool. When a carriage is drawn across them, the needles pick up the yarn



to create a stitch row by row,” she says. “It does save a lot of time, but machine knitting is a craft in and of itself. It has taken me about 10 years to really master the techniques that make a really fine outfit.”

Does Gibson ever make anything for herself? “Never, much to my chagrin,”

she says. But perhaps now she’ll have the chance — she’s been asked to start a line of knitwear for women. Soon she’ll be developing designs for a new line called Camille Marie. Learn more at www.PookiesPlayclothes.com

PRODUCT

No ducks were harmed in the making of this product

BY Laura Jean Whitcomb

It’s not every day a 5-year-old gets to name a company. But when Jake Bell heard his mom’s friend reply that she was “just ducky,” he was quick to say, “My mom loves duckies! She makes purses out of duck tape.” And the name for Annie Bell’s entrepreneurial venture was decided: Just Ducky.



Bell, a Concord resident, uses duct tape to make purses, wallets, book bags, beach bags and other accessories. This vinyl, fabric-reinforced, multipurpose adhesive tape has inspired folks across the globe to create bracelets, wallets, hats, even prom dresses. But Bell draws from her art education to add her own personal touch. She replaces duct tape with gaffers tape, a cotton cloth tape, in strategic spots on a purse and adds her own artwork. On the front flap of a purse, you might see Bell’s freehand paintings of birds, butterflies, vines or flowers.

“Friends ask for custom designs. I’ve even painted the Grateful Dead dancing bears on one purse,” Bell says. “The artwork is the most important part. It makes your purse original and one of a kind.”

Bell’s adventure with duct tape began as a Montessori teacher. While researching art projects to do with her students, she came across duct tape craft ideas. Making wallets was a big hit with her class — “They just went nuts over the tape,” she says — and with Bell, who started playing with it at home. She made a box, and realized if she put a handle on it that it could be a purse. When her new accessory resulted in comments, requests and custom orders, Bell thought, “I might really have something here.” Now she’s making a purse a night, and decorating them later when inspiration strikes.

Any other material added to the purse is recycled. Friends and customers give Bell their old bags, belts, necklaces and ties. “I’m probably the only person who is going to want a 10-year-old broken purse,” she says, “but I can totally use the straps and pockets.”

You can find Just Ducky bags and accessories at the Concord Arts Market, online at www.justduckbags.etsy.com, or by calling Bell directly at 661-5125. Products range from \$5 to \$40. ➤ THE KEARSARGE/CONCORD CONNECTION *continued on page 60*

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PRODUCT

It's a wrap

BY Laura Jean Whitcomb

It's Instant Gratification Monday, and Kythryne Aisling is online, thanks to a live Web cam, using silver wire, stones, glass and other materials to create jewelry based on customer requests.

"The pendant you sent me last week absolutely rocked. If possible, I'd like another using bronze wire...not the exact same, but the same concept," a customer posts to Aisling's live journal.

"Sure! Coming right up, and how do you feel about it having a vintage transit token in it? I have some very nifty ones, and I think one would go nicely in this," Aisling posts back. Thirty minutes later, Aisling adds a photo of her creation to the journal for approval, and the happy customer purchases her unique piece online with a credit card.

Aisling, founder of Wyrding Studios in Concord, creates fine art jewelry using a technique called wire wrapping. She'll take a wide range of materials — from birthstones to sea glass to personal items from a customer — and wind wire around it to create "a one-of-a-kind wearable sculpture," she says. "I've made head pieces for weddings and Renaissance fairs. One woman wanted to incorporate her life as a doctor into her wedding jewelry, and gave me pieces of unused medical equipment for her necklace."

Aisling learned the basics of her craft from New Hampshire artist Kate Holly-Clark, and experimented with the materials until she found her own style. "Wire wrapping takes a lot of practice and fine motor skills," she says. "Now my hands know what they are doing and can do it on their own. It's like learning an instrument; you build up the muscles and the memory."



photo courtesy of Wyrding Studios

Pendants are Aisling's most popular products. "They are small, affordable and fun to wear," she says. And, if you're in the market for artwork, Wyrding Studios has teamed up with artists, such as Erin McCauley of Phantomwise Studios, to craft pendants that combine an archival-quality print (varnished for durability) and a frame of matte glass and silver wire. The "Mad as a Hatter: The Wonderland Collection" series depicting scenes from Alice in Wonderland sold out online in hours.

Aisling has been wrapping wire since 2004, and left her full-time job in nonprofit management in 2005. She hired her first employee in 2006 and created the studio in 2007. Now she makes at least 1,000 pieces a year, half of which are custom commissions. "I love what I am doing. It is a lot of work and energy, but I keep at it because I am lucky I get to do something creative and interesting for my day job," she says. With requests for jewelry based on names like Peacock in Love with the Mirror, Window into Dreamland, New Wine from Old Casks, Fairy Explosion, Mermaid Dreams and River Road, who wouldn't have fun?

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