

**Dr. Kristin Jacob DVM, cardiologist,
will be doing the Cardiac Health Clinic Saturday afternoon
from 2:00 to approximately 5:00 PM**

Auscultation only @ \$38 each.

Contact Patty, if you have any questions:

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In cardiac auscultation, an examiner uses a stethoscope to listen for sounds, which provide important information about the condition of the heart. One sounds would be murmurs:

The description of cardiac murmurs should include timing, intensity, point of maximal intensity (PMI), radiation, pitch and quality. The timing of the murmur is systolic, diastolic, continuous, or to-and-fro (systolic-diastolic). The intensity of the murmur is arbitrarily graded on a 1-6 scale; we use the following convention:

- **Grade 1 = a very soft, localized murmur detected only in a quiet room after minutes of intense listening.**
- **Grade 2 = a soft murmur, heard immediately, localized to a single valve area.**
- **Grade 3 = a moderate intensity murmur that is evident at more than one location.**
- **Grade 4 = a moderate intensity to loud murmur; radiates well; but a consistent precordial thrill is not present.**
- **Grade 5 = a loud murmur accompanied by a palpable precordial thrill.**
- **Grade 6 = a loud murmur with a precordial thrill, audible when the stethoscope is removed from the thorax.**