



The Vet Centre

Maungaturoto • Waipu • Ruawai • Mangawhai

Summer 2016

Nose to Tail

Companion Animal Newsletter



Kitten Desexing

Desexing, also known as neutering, castration and spaying can be performed as early as 12 weeks of age and ideally by the time your kitten is 6 months old.

Desexing by 6 months of age usually results in a nicer pet, which is cleaner and has more socially acceptable behaviour.

Desexing early also prevents those unwanted litters and reduces the chances of urine spraying, roaming and cat fight injuries.

At The Vet Centre we use modern equipment, anaesthetic agents and pain relief protocols. This helps to ensure a rapid and pain free recovery post surgery.



Our kitten desexing special was so popular last year that we will be running it again for the months of February and March 2016.

Summer Comfort Clipping

The summer season is already upon us which means it's time for clipping our long haired and furry pets. The Vet Centre offers summer comfort clips for both cats and dogs. These are especially useful for those pets which find clipping a stressful experience and are difficult or impossible to clip without sedation.

Our clips are designed to be for your pets comfort and are tidy and tailored to what is required but as we are not professional groomers we do not offer specialty clips. Clipping under sedation means that your pet can be clipped and groomed with minimal stress as clippers can be noisy and frightening, especially to cats. While your pet is sedated we can also give them a thorough brush, clean around their eyes and ears and clip their nails if needed.

All animals which require sedation for grooming are booked in for the morning and usually stay the day at the clinic to recover from the anaesthetic. It is important that if your pet is being sedated they are not fed breakfast on the day of their appointment.

All of our clinics stock a range of pet grooming supplies including shampoos, brushes, combs and nail clippers for ongoing grooming care.

For more information or to book your pet in for sedation and clipping please contact your nearest Vet Centre.

Kitten Desexing Special

Have your kitten desexed
at The Vet Centre
during February and
March 2016 and

SAVE 15%

Offer also Includes
Free Post Op Pain Relief &
20% off Microchipping.



Summer Comfort Clipping Special

Have your pet clipped
during
December 2015
and January 2016
and receive a

20% Discount
off the price of the Clip.

Boarding Facilities

Many of our pets are boarded at kennels and catteries over the summer period. Make sure all your pets are up to date with their vaccinations. All good boarding facilities should require vaccination against the major diseases including kennel cough. Most have very strict vaccination policies and will turn owners away if their pets do not have the required vaccinations, so check their policy when booking and plan ahead.

Fleas and ticks can be a major problem during the summer months in Northland. Ensure your pets are well covered by applying flea treatments and worming regularly, especially if going into a boarding facility.

To check your pets vaccination information and to book an appointment contact your local Vet Centre clinic.

Summer Holiday Opening Hours

Date	Day	All Clinics
24 Dec	Thu	Open 8am - 5pm
25 Dec	Fri	Closed Public Holiday
26 Dec	Sat	Closed Public Holiday
27 Dec	Sun	Closed Weekend
28 Dec	Mon	Closed Public Holiday (Observed)
29 Dec	Tue	Open 8am - 5pm
30 Dec	Wed	Open 8am - 5pm
31 Dec	Thu	Open 8am - 5pm
1 Jan	Fri	Closed Public Holiday
2 Jan	Sat	Closed Public Holiday
3 Jan	Sun	Closed Weekend
4 Jan	Mon	Closed Public Holiday (Observed)
5 Jan	Tue	Open 8am - 5pm

Heat Stroke

This summer looks like it is shaping up to be a glorious one with lots of fine weather and sunshine. This hotter summer weather can cause problems for our pets. Cats and dogs can be very susceptible to heat stroke because their bodies are covered with insulating fur and they are not able to sweat to dissipate heat. Instead they pant or breathe rapidly to cool themselves.

Heat stroke occurs when your pets core body temperature rises excessively when they are unable to cool themselves. This increase in core body temperature is serious and can lead to fatal complications. Increased core temperatures cause seizures, damage to internal organs and blood clotting disorders which can in severe cases lead to death.

To prevent heatstroke occurring all pets require access to cooler areas with plenty of water and airflow. If inside there needs to be ventilation and if outside they must be able to have access to shade. A common cause of heat stroke is pets being left unattended in cars. Pets should never be left in cars, even with the windows cracked, even for only a few minutes as temperatures in cars can reach very high levels on warm days in a very short period of time.

Longer furred pets can be clipped to remove thick fur coats and allow them to cool more effectively. Clipping also allows them to dry more quickly after swimming and can help to prevent hot spots from developing.

Heat stroke is a medical emergency and any animal suspected of having heat stroke should receive immediate veterinary attention.



The Vet Centre News

Christmas is nearly upon us again so please take note of our summer holiday opening hours and remember we have vets on call 24/7 for any emergencies.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank all of our loyal customers and wish you, your family and your pets a happy and enjoyable Christmas and New Year.

There are soon to be a few staff changes as The Vet Centre has engaged two new graduate vets Byrony Knowles and Dana Marais who will be starting at our Waipu and Ruawai branches respectively in December. Michelle will be taking a break as she is expecting her first child and will be starting maternity leave near the end of January. Liam and Emily are heading off overseas mid February on their OE to see some of the world and will be back with us in early August.

Our spring Broadline promotion winner was Sharron Scarlett of Kaiwaka who receives 4 free Broadline pipettes.

Clinic Locations

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