

Nose to tail

Companion animal newsletter



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.



Book your cat or dog in before December 18.

Call your local clinic and book as this service is popular.



Happy Holidays!

DECEMBER

- 24** Xmas Eve: 12:30pm closure
- 25** Xmas Day: Closed
- 26** Boxing Day: Closed
- 27** Monday: Closed
- 28** Tuesday: Closed
- 29** Wednesday: 8am - 5pm
- 30** Thursday: 8am - 5pm
- 31** Friday: 8am - 5pm

As always we will have vets on call 24/7 over this period to help with any emergencies

JANUARY

- 1** New Years: Closed
- 2** Sunday: Closed
- 3** Monday: Closed
- 4** Tuesday: Closed
- 5** Wednesday: 8am - 5pm (back to normal)

We wish you a merry Christmas and a safe and happy NewYear!





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 pet's 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.



Slug Bait Toxicity

Slug bait is unfortunately a common poisoning seen by our Vet Centre Clinics especially at this time of year when our gardens are in full swing. Slugs can be a pest but the traditional commercial slug baits available are unfortunately extremely toxic and even fatal to your pet dogs.

Typical early signs to look out for after slug bait ingestion include incoordination (they may look and act drunk!) and increased anxiety. You may notice your dog pacing and acting very strange and wobbly. This typically starts 30 to 60 minutes after they eat the bait. The signs quickly progress to severe muscle twitching, seizures, and increased drooling (more than usual for a big drooly dog!).

If your pets are not treated by this stage they can go in to comas and even die. Sadly slug bait can kill our furry friends within 2 to 12 hours depending on how much they have eaten. Your pets can survive slug bait ingestion if attended to immediately after ingestion or commencement of symptoms.

If you have seen or suspect your pet as eaten slug bait or notice any of the signs above they should receive immediate veterinary attention.

Symptoms

Dogs that are treated early and survive the first 24 hours can make a full recovery in several days to weeks.

Symptoms in our pets may include:



! If you suspect slug bait ingestion do not delay, call for a Vet immediately.





Christmas Kai, Scrounging Pets and Kai Moana

Please keep an eye out for your pets this summer and ensure they aren't getting into anything they shouldn't.

Over the Christmas and New Year period there is a lot of delicious food for us to eat but unfortunately a good deal of that food can be toxic and life threatening to our pets. Be careful with your Christmas hams and other common foods such as grapes, raisins, avocados, onions, nuts (especially macadamias), chocolate and caffeine, all of which can cause gastrointestinal disease or other more life-threatening illnesses. Mouldy left-over food can also cause seizures and serious illness. Gum and other lollies that are sweetened with xylitol are extremely toxic to dogs. Some Christmas plants, such as lilies and poinsettias, are toxic to dogs and cats.

And, keep a watchful eye out when at the beach as pets can be poisoned if they ingest certain fish, sea cucumbers and algae. If you're a fishing family – do keep hooks and bait away from your pets.

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