



Bungendore Veterinary Surgery

New Puppy or Kitten? A checklist for the first 12 months

6-8 weeks of age:

1st vaccination

Worm for intestinal worms

Microchip

Start Heartworm prevention (for dogs)

10 weeks:

Worm for intestinal worms

12-14 weeks:

2nd vaccination

Worm for intestinal worm

Microchip (if not already done).

4 months:

Worm for intestinal worms

5 months:

Worm for intestinal worms

6 months:

Desexing.

Worm for intestinal worms

Can start heartworm preventative injection, an annual vaccination (for dogs).

Register your dog or cat with the local council.

9 months:

Worm for intestinal worms

12 months:

Yearly booster vaccination.

Worm for intestinal worms

Heartworm prevention can continue once a month or change to yearly injection (for dogs).

There are various different vaccination options available in addition to the standard vaccination that all dogs and cats should

receive. Discuss with your vet what the best option is for your pet.

Use a good quality all-wormer to worm for intestinal worms.

If your dog is at risk of picking up the Hydatid tapeworm, you will need to use a different worming program after 6 months of age. Discuss with your vet whether Hydatids is a potential problem.



A man took his dog to the cinema and sat it in the seat beside him. The usherette was going to throw the dog out until she noticed it was paying close attention to the film. After the film she said to the owner "It really amazed me to see your dog enjoying the film so much".

"Amazed me too", said the owner, "he didn't like the book at all".

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Jack's Quote of the Month

"Sarcasm is just one more service we offer"

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HELP!!!! - We don't have any carry cages!! If you have one of ours at home, please please return it, as we don't have any for loan.

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We are online!!!

With much anticipation, our new website is up and running. Check it out at www.vetsurgery.com.au

Also, you may find the following sites of interest;

www.petlink.com.au

www.petalia.com.au

Hydatid Tapeworms - a serious problem.

Hydatid tapeworms are small worms that live in the small intestines of animals such as dogs and foxes. We live in a high risk area for Hydatids and should take special care ensuring our dogs are wormed correctly for this potentially fatal (in humans)

parasite. The infection process is quite complicated. Firstly, a host (ie a dog or fox) will drop faeces that have the worm eggs in it. The eggs are very sticky and may attach to fur or bedding. Secondary hosts (ie sheep, cattle or humans) then ingest the eggs and

Hydatid cysts begin to form in organs such as the lungs, liver and brain. These cysts are then eaten by dogs and the lifecycle is complete. Following the guidelines below will help ensure your dog is safe from Hydatids.

1. Never allow dogs to eat offal that may contain the Hydatid cysts.
2. Feed safe foods to dogs. Packaged foods are guaranteed 100% Hydatid free.
3. Keep dogs under control in properly fenced yard. Do not let

them stray.

4. Dose your dogs for Hydatids every six weeks if you live in a potentially high risk area. Use products such as Droncit or Paratak.
5. Wash your hands after handling animals, as Hydatids can be transferred to people by ingestion.

Talk to your vet if you believe that Hydatids may be a potential problem for you, and they will ensure your dogs' worming program is adequate.

Staff News

Since our last newsletter (a very long time ago), so much has changed here at the surgery. Firstly, Dr Heather Breckenridge was married here in Bungendore in April, to the lovely Daniel Huby. They are expecting twins later in the year (or did I just make that bit up?) !!

Sadly, in February, we said goodbye to Shirallee Standen who left us after more than 9 years to pursue another career. Her cheery face will be missed, and we wish her all the best for her future endeavors.

We welcome Rebecca Kurtz, a country gal from Oberon, NSW, who joined the surgery in April. Bec has a degree in Social Science (Recreation and Human Movement), and has also worked as a pharmacy assistant for the last 5 years. Bec hopes to start Animal Nursing at CIT this year, but already has years of hands on experience with her own

animals.

Finally, we have a new surgery cat named Trappa. He came to the clinic late last year and made the unfortunate mistake of scratching Heather, who then whipped him straight into surgery and amputated the offending limb. Needless to say, he won't make that mistake again!!!! Kidding! Trappa had a terrible accident which crushed his leg and the only way to save him required its amputation. He spends half of his day at the surgery, and the other half across the road at Bungendore Rural Supplies (you may have seen him stalking the aisles or snoozing on the counter).

Congratulations to Janine who won the Rotary "Pride of Workmanship" award, certainly a well deserved win!



Rebecca and "Trappa"



Heather Breckenridge and Dan Huby, 2nd April, 2005.

Making Sense of Horse Teeth

*To tell the age of a horse
Inspect the lower jaw, of course
The six front teeth the tale will tell
And any fear and doubt dispel
The middle nippers you behold
Before the colt is two weeks old
Before eight weeks two more will come
Eight months, corners cut the gum
At two the middle nippers drop
At three the second pair cant stop
At four years old the third pair goes
At five years the full set he shows*

*The deep black spots will pass from view
At six years from the middle two
The second pair at seven years
At eight the spot each corner clears
From middle nippers, upper jaw
At nine the dark spots withdraw
The second pair at ten take flight
Eleven finds the corners bright
As time goes on the wise men know
How oval teeth three sided grow
They longer yet project before
Till 20...when we know no more!!!*

Spoilt for Choice

While most people are aware that dogs (and less commonly, cats) can suffer from osteoarthritis, few people are aware of the range of treatment options that are now available. Gone are the days that saw us restricted to the use of soft beds, warmth and painkillers to relieve the pain in our pets. Now we can actively slow down the progression of degenerative joint disease and ease the pain by improving the condition of the joint.

Cartrophen Vet is an injectable medication designed to modify the joint by slowing the degradation of cartilage, decreasing the friction from joint movement, increasing the blood flow through the area, and normalizing the immune response to minimize inflammation in that area. The side-effects are negligible. The protocol for administration is a course of four injections, a week apart. Boosters may be required in varying intervals (depends on individual response), and repeat courses

are recommended annually.

Hill's Pet Nutrition have produced a prescription diet called Hill's j/d (joint diet). In addition to being a complete diet, Hill's have added deep sea fish oils and an antioxidant formula to decrease inflammation around joints, and slow the progression of arthritis. Hill's also produce Hill's Canine Senior 7+ Diet formulated with added glucosamine and chondroitin to maintain joint health. It also has other benefits which are aimed specifically at optimizing the older dogs' health.

Sasha's Blend is an all natural blend of marine ingredients and is a dietary supplement to be given daily with normal food. It is rich in glycosaminoglycans, chondroitin and omega-3 fatty acids. This blend is in powder form, and is moderately palatable. It is safe for use in other animals.

The latest product to be released is Benelox Active. This is a liquid bio-marine supplement .

to be simply added to the usual diet daily. High in antioxidants and branched chain fatty acids, it works to decrease inflammation and improve joint function. It is available in different sizes to accommodate patients from cats to large dogs.

Essentially, the above options all aim to achieve the same result. Some variation and limitations do exist, however, and that's where we can help you choose the right course of action for you and your pet. Please don't hesitate to contact us for more information.



Janine receiving her "Pride Of Workmanship" award!

THINGS YOU CAN LEARN FROM YOUR DOG

1. Never pass up the opportunity to go for a joy ride
2. Take naps and stretch before rising
3. When loved ones come home, always run to greet them
4. When its in your best interest, practice obedience
5. Run, romp and play daily
6. Thrive on attention and let people touch you
7. Avoid biting when a simple growl will do
8. Never pretend to be something you're not
9. On hot days, drink lots and lie under shady trees
10. When your happy, dance around and wag your entire body
11. When someone is having a bad day, be silent, sit close by and nuzzle them gently
12. No matter how often you're scolded, don't buy into the guilt thing and pout.....run right back and make friends!

MYTHBUSTERS - Horse Fees Explained!!!

The surgery provides a full veterinary service for all types of horses from miniature horses, ponies, pleasure and sporting horses, to top racehorses such as "Take Over Target". We travel all over the district from Murrumbateman to Tarago, and everywhere in between. Of course we see a lot of horses in the Wamboin and Bywong area.

To see all our horse clients takes a lot of driving and time. This means that we try and group our calls into geographical areas so that the costs can be minimized. When we have to make a special trip out of schedule for a single patient, it may mean an hour of travel. Unfortunately, this has to translate to a greater cost for the call. So where possible, booking in advance and being available for consults on designated days will mean a saving on travel fees. Obviously no-one plans emergencies and we are available for these 24 hours a day.

We encourage clients to bring horses to the practice for several reasons. We have excellent facilities including stocks for restraint and extra staff on hand to assist if required.

Bringing your horse to the clinic not only saves you by not having to pay travel fees but also we charge a reduced consultation fee. There is nearly a thirty percent reduction in the consultation fee if you bring your horse into the clinic. Please see below for our reduced regular travel days. We are also happy to give estimates if you wish to call us.

Monday PM - Wamboin and Bywong.

Tuesday AM - Sutton, Hall, Murrumbateman, Gundaroo, Queanbeyan and Burra.

Tuesday PM - Mount Fairy, Tarago and Goulburn.

Wednesday AM - Canberra.

Wednesday PM - Wamboin and Bywong.

Thursday AM - Sutton, Hall, Murrumbateman, Gundaroo, Queanbeyan and Burra.

Friday AM - Wamboin, Bywong and Canberra..



Janine's daughter, Jess, riding "Cimarron Bright Lad" in the National Young Rider dressage championships in Werribee, Victoria recently. She won Champion Novice and Reserve Champ Elementary. Jess is having a lot of success not only locally, but also interstate.

Well done!

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