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The friendly team with over 50 years of veterinary experience.



TIPS TO GET YOUR PET THROUGH THE WINTER

Winter is a time of low energy, indoor living and too many grey wet days can get dreary. Your pet can feel it too. Liven up their life by exercising your pet indoors. Mental challenges such as puzzles are great for both cats and dogs, as are teaching them new tricks. Variety is the perfect way to add interest during winter. Change their daily food, their outings, and get some new toys that they can play with. If you are at work, consider hiring a dog walker. When you go walking in the evening, have reflective gear on yourself and your dog. Cats love to chase small balls, feathers on a stick, or a string just flicked about. Winter doesn't have to be drab, you can make it fun.



Welcome to our **July 2019** Newsletter.

The heart of winter is in full force and many pets will be preferring to stay indoors with their owners. But winter doesn't have to mean hibernating indoors, there are indoor puppy schools, training classes for dogs that are held inside, and you can invite one of your dog's friends over for an hour or two fun in the garage as an impromptu venue. It is just a matter of being creative. Cats will enjoy a game or two of chase the ping pong ball or if you have a few dollars spare you can get them a training wheel where they can run and have fun in one place. Cats love attention and you can even try training them, but they have limited patience so don't make it too long. Keeping your pets fit over winter will keep them healthy and trim.



HOW TO CHECK THE HEALTH OF YOUR PET'S EYES.

The first indication of eye problems is when you notice your cat or dog pawing at their eyes or rubbing their face against the carpet. Some longhair breeds of animals can have problems with their hair getting into their eyes causing minute scratch marks. This can be easily fixed with careful trimming around the eyes. Each week check your pets' eyes by positioning yourself in good light and look closely into their eyes. Any redness, swelling, squinting, discharge, or excessive tearing can indicate a problem. Your pet's pupils should be equal in size and react to the light. You may notice they look opaque or hazy, but this could be due to the age of your pet. Or it could be the beginning of cataracts, which if untreated could lead to blindness. Monitor your pet's behaviour too; notice if they seem to be having difficulty seeing objects or if they are bumping into things. For any concerns schedule an examination for your pet with us, and we can put your mind at rest and offer immediate solutions to assist your furry friend's eyesight health.

Our information packed website for healthier + happier pets is;
<http://www.cheltenhamvet.com>

NEW LAW CHANGE FOR PET OWNERS IN NSW - As of the **1st of July 2019**, pet owners who are advertising cats or dogs for sale or even to give away, **must include** an identification number in the advert. This Id No. must be either a microchip number, breeders Id No or a rehoming organisation number. As a pet owner you play a critical role in providing for the welfare of any pet that you sell or rehome.

To find out more – we have included the link to the **NSW Government Animal Welfare** page. To help you to meet your responsibilities please [click on our link here](#)

MY PET IS VOMITING – WHAT SHOULD I DO?



Dogs and cats often vomit because they have eaten too quickly, or they have eaten something disagreeable to them. But vomiting can have a sinister side such as the ingestion of a toxic substance, gastrointestinal disorders, or bloat. While an occasional bout of vomiting may not be a problem, frequent vomiting can be a sign your pet is having problems. If this is the case, bring your pet to see us immediately for an examination and diagnostic testing. It may just save their life!

A REMINDER ABOUT OUR SERVICES

Consultations.
Diagnostics & Lab – for blood tests, lab tests, X-ray and ultrasound diagnosis.
Surgery, Dentistry,
Microchip implantation
Puppy preschool
Acupuncture
Hydro bath & Cat grooming
Injured wildlife care
Pet supplies & food
Plus there is so much more, all delivered from a caring professional team of experts

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ABOUT OUR TEAM. At the Cheltenham Veterinary Clinic, we have a pet crazy team of professionals who can help you with any problem that your pet may have. [Our team](#) are all highly skilled Vets and Nurses who always put the welfare of your pet first. Trained in the latest techniques, they have experience with the latest techniques and have an expansive knowledge which includes areas such as orthopaedics, optics, dermatology and behaviour. We offer the local community emergency care, as well as routine vaccinations for your pets. Believing in prevention, we try to get pet owners to come in with pets with a health issue in the early stages rather than waiting until the condition cannot be ignored. Firstly, it is easier to find a solution in the early stages, and secondly it is often cheaper to treat early than having to pay for surgery or medication which could have been prevented. We love to see your pets, even for the simplest itch! We can even help with diet related issues as we stock a premium health care selection of pet food. So don't be a stranger, come on in with your furry friend and let the team at Cheltenham clinic fuss over your pet.



Please check out our [Facebook page](#) – it is regularly updated and covers a wealth of information.

Don't Contribute to the Countries Pet Overpopulation Problem.

Limit your pet's reproduction through spay/neuter operations, or at least manage them when they are in season by careful containment or managed breeding. You only need to visit a pet shelter to see the abundance of animals who are crying out for a permanent home. And yes, kittens and puppies are adorable, but when you can't find a home for them, it's heartbreaking. There are many young pets handed into the rescue or shelter homes who all deserve a good home without the need for your pet to add to the numbers. Think carefully and come and talk to us about the sterilisation process. It is quick, effective and it is a responsible option to consider.

Winter + less activity + more food = possible weight gain!

Like us, pets love to snuggle down inside in the colder weather. They often need a little extra food over winter but be careful to balance that with some inside exercising or rug your dog up for an outdoor adventure. Cats prefer their comforts and may have to be coached to get them to exercise, but dogs usually are willing to please, and a simple treat will have them racing out the door. Winter is a time to watch the slow creep of flab on our pets otherwise come spring it will be diet time.



Courtesy of the www.LeFunny.net

Your Pets Dental Care is Important

[Dental disease](#) is serious because it can contribute to life threatening disease. A good diet, raw bones for chewing, brushing the teeth using a pet only toothpaste, and a dental scale and polish (under anaesthetic) are all important. Get your pet used to having its teeth cleaned at an early age. Plenty of encouragement and treating it like a game always helps, as does a pleasantly pet flavoured toothpaste. Keep your pets' teeth healthy and their breath sweet.