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Nurturing the human and animal bond!



AMAZING FACTS ABOUT YOUR DOG.

Dogs can smell about 1,000 to 10,000 times better than a human. While humans have 5 million smell-detecting cells, dogs have more than 220 million! The part of the brain that interprets smell is also four times larger in dogs than in humans! Although it is funny how a dog can become stone deaf when they don't want to be called away from something interesting!! Dogs do have a sense of time! They know when it is dinner time, or when you are due home in the evening. Dogs pick up on the daily routines and habits that their owners have, and they also sense how much time has passed. So they do miss you when you are away, and get excited when you are due home!



Welcome to our MARCH 2019 Newsletter.

Thankfully Autumn is on its way with the promise of a drop in temperatures which everyone is looking forward to, after a scorching hot summer. Pests are still abundant though, seemingly the only critters that thrive in high humidity, high temperatures and flooding conditions when we have rain sitting upon the baked earth. Fleas are still seeking warm blooded hosts such as your cat or dog, and worms in many forms are still alive and healthy. While fleas and worms are hardly a comfortable subject, they are a reality in the life of a pet. Make sure you get your pet regularly checked and treated for these nasty pet seeking parasites. Prevention is always preferable in pet health care!



Pet Health for Autumn.

As the seasons change, so do the needs of your pets. With the weather cooling down and winter on its way, now is the ideal time to strengthen your pets immunity through a good diet that is nourishing, and an exercise plan that will get them in tip top condition. Longer walks or perhaps a running program is now possible since the intense heat of summer has passed. Make it fun for both your dog and yourself by exploring a different route, or perhaps signing them up for an agility course. Cats love to chase and hunt, so get some new toys to pull along, flick in the air or even a self-moving ball or two. As the weather gets colder, some things you need to be aware of is the fungicides, herbicides, and fertilizers that people use to strengthen their gardens. These are all harmful to your pet. Mushrooms can pop up tempting your pet to sample a taste, with some wild mushrooms being poisonous. Just be aware as a curious pet can get into trouble easily. Autumn can be a lovely time of year, so get your pet on a good diet and a healthy exercise plan, then get out to enjoy all the fun that Autumn offers.

Our information packed website for healthier + happier pets is;

<http://www.cheltenhamvet.com/>

TICKS are still rampant at this time of the year. They can anchor themselves to your pet and cause irritation, infection, loss of vitality and can threatened your pet's life. Sprays, dips, and dusts can be used to treat your pet. Always groom your pet after a walk in a wooded area and check their coat for these blood sucking pests. Keep your pets bedding clean and regularly check for any parasites. We can help you in the fight against parasites. Bring your dog in for an annual check-up or just to say hello and see what we can offer. It only takes a minute or two and you can have peace of mind for your pet and your environment.

KEEPING WORMS AT BAY



PAYMENT A PROBLEM?

Worms are the bane of your pet's life. They are persistent little parasites that never give up! But here's some tips in the war against the worm. Clean kennels & your pets bedding regularly. Remove poop from the garden and empty cat litter trays daily. Control pests that harbour worms including snails, slugs, mice, rats and fleas. Try to prevent your pets from eating rodents, small animals and reptiles. Fleas and mosquitoes can transmit worms so use regular treatments to protect your pet against them.

PUPPY PRESCHOOL. If you have a puppy, then we can help with their development. Our puppy preschool is run by Tamara & Stuart from Underdog Training & Behaviour Consulting. Each class is small and has up to 6 puppies. To enrol, your puppy must be aged 8-16 Weeks old and be wormed and treated for fleas. Give your puppy a great start in life. Contact our clinic for more details.

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CELTENHAM CAT RESCUE.

They are a group of dedicated people who rescue, rehabilitate and rehome wonderful cats that are desperate for a forever home of their own.

The Cheltenham Cat Rescue (CCR) is a registered animal welfare charity organisation. It commenced in June 2015, and they take in all breeds of cats. When taking in a stray cat, they make sure the cats are fully vet worked before being rehomed. The cat you adopt is in good health and has had a full vet clearance on health. The CCR is not a shelter; they use foster carers to help rehabilitate the cats or kittens which provides them with a loving home in the interim. Part of the work of the Rescue is to educate the community on responsible companion guardianship while promoting holistic cat health care management. You can help us by adopting a cat, foster a kitty, or volunteer your help. Check out their website for more information.

<https://www.cheltenhamcatrescue.org.au/about/>



Please check out our Facebook page – it is regularly updated and covers a wealth of information.

<https://www.facebook.com/cheltenhamvetclinic/>

BATHING YOUR CAT – for those awful times when they have gotten into something stinky! Firstly, NEVER EVER force an unwilling, panicking cat into a tub full of water, or you will get scratched and bitten to bits!

Instead, remain calm, shut the door to the room you are bathing kitty (or they will escape) and have everything you need assembled. Check the temperature BEFORE you put your cat in. Try shallow water for the first time and use a shower matt so they don't slip around in the sink. Use a special cat-friendly, tearless shampoo. DON'T get water in their ears (not only is it unpleasant for them, but it can cause ear infections). And do not spray water directly in your cat's face. NEVER EVER try to dunk their head under the water as this will cause panic! Wash kitty's face with a soft damp cloth and rinse all soap thoroughly away. Talk to your cat in a gentle, loving voice and dry gently with a towel. Only try a blow waver on your cat if they are used to it. Cuddle and reassure your pet and give a tasty treat afterwards for being so brave. However, if kitty is in panic mode and will not cooperate, bring them into our clinic where we can safely sedate them before cleaning them for you.

Quotes

A dog is the only thing on earth that loves you more than you love yourself!

In ancient times cats were worshipped as Gods; they have never forgotten this!

WHAT TO LOOK FOR - IN A PET CARER

Patience, flexibility, calmness and they should be sensitive to your pet's needs. Preferably they should be experienced and provide references. Reliability is important and they should have insurance. Make sure you run background checks. But most of all they should have a genuine love for animals and connect with your pet.