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The friendly team with over 50 years of veterinary experience

ANTINOL for Arthritic Pets is a new potent natural supplement for dogs, that helps your pet maintain an active lifestyle. It is taken daily for joint health & mobility.

Talk to us today to find out more about this supplement.

SHAPE UP TIME ! Spring is here so think active days, swimming, walking and generally having fun. But if your pet is a bit overweight after winter, they will need to ease into all this sudden activity. Dogs are easier to exercise as you can increase the distance you walk as they get fitter, and they are naturally curious so visits to parks and reserves gets them active. Cats can be motivated by introducing a self-moving ball for them to chase or make them climb up a cat frame to get their breakfast, and slightly reduce their food intake. Overweight pets are more prone to disease and illness, so cutting back on food and getting them fit is a caring option. Give them more of your time, not more for their tummy.



Welcome to our **NOVEMBER 2018** Newsletter.

Spring weather requires a change in how we care for our pets. A regular supply of water must be available, and an area of shade or retreat are a must. If your pet is home alone, make sure they can escape a sunny room and get to a cooler area to retire to. Animals don't sweat as we do to cool down. Panting helps, but beware excessive panting – it may be a sign of distress. If in doubt, leave a ceiling fan or the aircon on for your pet. Overheating is a serious problem as temperatures climb. Never ever leave a pet in a car, as temperatures can become lethal. When exercising your pet, try to opt for the cooler times of the day, such as the early morning or late evening. A cool dog or cat is a happy pet.



PET GROOMING Getting your cat to sit still while you try to remove knots from their fur is never easy. While they enjoy a good brushing or a massage, knots are a different story! Rather than risk having your hands clawed and bitten, bring your cat along to Bentleigh clinic to have a grooming session. It is advisable to book it first as it is a popular service! Cats usually require sedation that calms them and allows the groomer to work out those tight knotted fur patches. They will be looking like a million dollars again in no time, so give us a call for a grooming session! Tell your dog not to worry, we haven't forgotten about them. Our outdoor covered hydro bath is great for a lather up and wash down of your pup. The Hydrobath has a shower head that provides a steady stream of warm soapy water that provides a deep clean. You can either do it yourself or have one of our staff to assist. You have the option of using our towels, shampoo and conditioner or bring your own.

Please check out our information packed

website <https://www.cheltenhamvet.com/>

HEARTWORM IS PREVENTABLE. Spread by the mosquito, the heart worm is a very serious and life threatening infection for animals. The warm humid air is conducive to this worm, so talk to us now about easy preventative measures you can take for your dog.

INJURED WILDLIFE. Only handle injured or sick wildlife if it is safe to do so. Placing a towel over their head can calm the animal and keep calm yourself as animals can pick up on your stress levels. Bring them into us as soon as possible. We will perform an examination to determine the best course of action. Record where you found the animal so that it can be rehabilitated back where you found it. And check in the pouch of dead marsupials in case they have live young. Check our website for more in-depth information on helping distressed wildlife.

DIET is important for pets - especially at

Christmas time. Don't be tempted to feed your pet 'human' food, as some of our foods are toxic to animals (aka chocolate!) We have a healthy selection of treats available at discounted prices, so come in and stock up so your pet has their own healthy treats!



PAYMENT A PROBLEM?

At this time of the year finances can get a little tight. But leaving a health issue for your pet will only make it harder to treat later on. We can help you to spread the cost over 12 months, with an interest free loan.

Another option to consider is Pet Insurance which offers a wide range of cover for many health issues. Many of our clients find that it is an affordable option. Should an emergency arise, you can deal with it without the financial stress. Plans vary in price and features, so come in and have a chat with us to clarify them. Then relax knowing your pet is covered should a health issue arise.

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Hear from our amazing surgeon Dr Don— one of our dedicated team!

Dr. Bhagya Don BVSc (Hons) MANZCVS (small animal surgery) graduated in 2005 and spent his career in small animal practices mainly in Melbourne. He has undertaken post-graduate training in medicine, diagnostic imaging and surgery. He is particularly interested in orthopaedic surgery and rehabilitation. He attained prestigious Membership into the Australian and New Zealand College of Veterinary Scientists by examination in 2013.



Don loves playing cricket and watching sports, and his contagious laugh can be heard in the halls of Cheltenham Vet Clinic. He loves getting about with his two young children and of course spending time with his rescue cat "Ralahami".

Please check out our regularly updated of information.



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FLEAS – A MULITI STEP TREATMENT PROCESS.

For every flea you find on your pet, there may be hundreds of eggs and larvae in the home (rugs , bedding, carpets) and grassed yard. Therefore to effectively treat for fleas, you have to treat your dog and the environment. Talk to us about using the most effective products to kill the adult flea and stop the development of the eggs and larvae. If your dog has fleas, then your home needs treatment. Strip your bed linen and treat the bed with a product the contains an adulticide and insect growth regulator. Vacuum your house daily if possible, and clean and treat your car – especially if your pooch likes to ride in it, and include the garage, and outdoor yard in your clean up. Kennels and patios should be treated as well. Fleas are survivors and once they take over they can be hard to get rid of. Prevention is quickest and easiest. Talk to us now as the fleas are on the prowl, looking for a nice hairy body to take up residence on.

CHOOSING A PET SITTER. If you need a pet sitter, online is the best place to go. Put in your area code and see who is available in your area. Ask your friends who they can recommend if they have used one. Always check if the carers have any training in pet care, do they work with a veterinarian, and do they have references? We have a list of people that are available to pet sit. Call us now as Christmas is fast approaching and these professionals are in demand.