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East Bentleigh Animal Care Newsletter

Winter 2011 Edition




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DENTAL CHECKS

During the months of June,
July & August 2011 to
celebrate Pet Dental Month!

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August is...
**Pet Dental
Month!**

Q: Why Should I Bother with a Dental Check for my Pet?

**A: Pet's need dental care too!
Here are 4 good reasons why:**

1. For the health of the pet.

Oral care is necessary to provide optimal health and quality of life for your pet. Diseases of the oral cavity, if left untreated can be very painful and may contribute to other local or systemic diseases. Gingivitis is a reversible condition which can be treated. But if left untreated it can progress to a more serious and irreversible condition; periodontitis. Bacteria from the teeth and gums can also enter the blood stream and may travel to major organs and begin infection there.

2. To treat any pre-existing conditions.

It is important to understand that home dental care does not remove existing tartar, nor does it treat existing periodontal disease; therefore regular dental examinations and professional cleanings by your vet are still necessary. If a home care routine is implemented at home without a vet check first, it may cause more pain and discomfort. It is important that

pre-existing dental problems and infection are treated and controlled as soon as they develop.

3. To continue to maintain optimal oral health after treatment.

Dental checks by your vet every 3 - 6 months are extremely important in preventing & treating dental disease. Plaque begins to form on a cleaned tooth surface within hours, so just because your pet has had a professional cleaning, it doesn't mean the problem will not reoccur if measures are not taken to prevent it. Regular checks are essential to allow your vet to monitor the progress of your pet's preventative program.

4. For cost-effectiveness.

Keeping your pet's mouth healthy, and treating dental conditions before they become a serious problem, means your pet will require less professional cleanings under anaesthetic. Once dental disease develops, it can progress quickly, so treating your pet's problems early can save you from spending on major dental work such as extractions and x-rays.

OFFER

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The most important thing you can do for your puppy...



Recent puppy party graduate with owner Mrs Mandal & trainer Mia.

Could your pet have...

Heart Disease?

The heart, blood and blood vessels supply the body's tissues and organs with oxygen and nutrients.

There are two types of heart diseases: congenital and acquired. Congenital heart disease is present at birth and is rare. Acquired heart disease develops over time, usually beginning during middle-age and affecting many older pets. Serious heart conditions can lead to heart failure.



Convenience of Injection!

For some cases our vet can now administer an antibiotic injection which is effective for 2 weeks.

This means there is no need for a course of antibiotic tablets for your dog or cat!



Did you know we also offer:

**Home Visits • Grooming • Surgery
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Puppy Parties • Pathology
Dog Obedience • DIY Hydrobath**

Heart failure occurs when the heart can not pump enough blood to meet the body's needs. Because the heart is not pumping effectively, blood may back up in the heart, lungs, or other organs. Blood vessels constrict and blood pressure increases. As a result, fluid may leak out of the vessels and cause congestion of the lungs, or fluid accumulation in the abdomen and other tissues.

How Can I Tell If My Dog Has Heart Failure?

The early signs of heart failure are hard to detect. A decrease in activity or coughing during periods of exercise or excitement are both early signs of heart failure. In addition, your pet may develop other signs such as rapid breathing, reluctance to exercise, abdominal swelling and weight loss.

Heart failure can be cured in certain conditions, but in most cases new treatments are helping pets enjoy a longer life with better quality.

A complete evaluation of your pet will help your veterinarian determine what medications, dietary changes, or exercise restrictions are necessary. Periodic examinations will enable your veterinarian to modify your pet's medication as needed. In addition, your veterinarian may recommend a consultation or referral to a veterinary specialist.

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