

PROMOTIONS



Free CAT FISHING POLE TOY with any GREENIES 85g purchase.

Bonus pack of CAPSTAR with SENTINEL SPECTRUM CHEW while stocks last.

Free PET ORGANISER with any FRONTLINE PLUS or HEARTGARD PLUS 6pk purchase.



SPRING UPDATES.....

PARALYSIS TICKS: We are seeing animals affected by paralysis ticks almost every day. Remember to check your animal every day even if you are using tick prevention. See the article in our last newsletter.

FLEAS: The warmer weather means that fleas are emerging now. Use a flea prevention all year round.

ITCHY DOGS: With the change in season there are many common pollens that cause itching. See article in this newsletter

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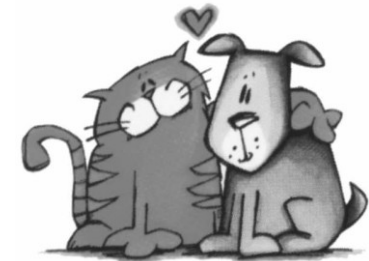
STAFF PROFILE



MR FLUFFY

Goodbye, Mr Fluffy. Fluffy moved into our surgery in November 2007. Mr Fluffy had a megacolon which meant he would become constipated and without daily medication he would not be able to pass any faeces. This is a very uncomfortable and even life threatening condition. Luckily for us Fluffy was around for nearly 2 years and we all have many fond memories from this time. Miss you Fluffucino/Fluffv Mat.

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SPRING!!!!!!

Now that Spring has arrived and with it a lot of airborne pollens we are seeing more of our clients with hayfever. Dogs also suffer from hayfever, but it is called atopy instead. And rather than a runny nose or sore & weepy eyes, they get skin problems such as scratching, licking & chewing. Unfortunately, pollens aren't the only things that cause scratching in dogs & cats. There is a very large list of things that can cause skin disease and it can take a bit of time trying to work out the cause.

Dogs get quite itchy under the belly, around the face, in the armpits, on their feet & can also get itchy ears. With cats, skin disease is normally seen as a scabby neck & head. Most people assume that their pet is scratching because of fleas and although fleas are a very common reason for our pets to scratch, they are not the only reason. Other reasons include:

Plants & Grasses – these cause a contact based allergy so you are most likely to see rashes under the belly & on the feet. The Wandering Jew species are the most common plants to affect your pet.

Mites – the most common mites seen are demodex & sarcoptes in dogs and otodectes in cats. Demodex can't be transferred to people, but sarcoptic mange can cause itching & irritation.

Foods – different proteins & carbohydrates etc. In cats, milk

SPRING CONTINUED.....

If

we are having difficulty finding the right treatment for your pet, we may offer a referral to a skin specialist for further work up that may include skin tests or blood tests.

If you notice your four-legged friend is starting to scratch this spring, phone us and make an appointment today so that we can fix that itch.



Demodex, Sarcoptes, Flea and Wandering Jew For information on common grasses, weeds, trees and other plants that may cause itching, visit the allergy information link at:

KOALA

September was 'Save the Koala' month. Thanks to all of our generous clients and staff who supported our Koala, Shelby.



HOT CARS – HOT DOGS

Never leave your dog in a warm car, not even in the shade, not even for a few minutes. The temperature inside a closed vehicle can double in minutes. Even with the windows down a car can reach temperatures that are deadly. **Heat stress kills.** To treat hyperthermia the main aim is to reduce the animal's body temperature. Gentle

CAT OWNERS BEWARE – SPRING IS BREEDING SEASON!

The relatively small number of cats which are not desexed has a dramatic effect on the entire population of all cats. Increased daylight hours stimulate the reproductive urges of entire Tom & Queen cats. They send out pheromones to broadcast their willingness to mate. Entire cats will spray urine in a variety of locations around their territory to attract mates and deter competing cats. A cat's sense of smell is much more sensitive than ours and a cat's spray is a powerful signal to all cats in the area. The result is that female cats become pregnant and male cats fight, often with nasty wounds and abscesses developing.

Desexed cats are affected by these pheromones too. Desexed cats, both male & female will protect their territory and also end up fighting and requiring veterinary treatment. Behaviour problems increase, especially spraying, inappropriate urinating, anxiety and vocalizing.

We recommend that kittens, both male & female are desexed at approximately 5-6 months of age. This will ensure that there are less unplanned pregnancies and less chance of fighting.

WYNNUM BAYSIDE WEBSITE UPDATE: A new feature on our website is Pet Care Information. There is a link for Dog care & Cat care information. Topics covered include allergies, administering medication, eye care, ear care, fleas & ticks. Some of the information sheets have great diagrams and even videos of some