



Welcome to the Spring edition of our Newsletter, with the lovely blossoms that are associated with this season, bees and other stinging insects are going to be in full force so watch out for those stings. If your animal has been stung and a reaction noticed, call us for advice as it may require immediate Veterinary attention. This is also the time to check out your garden for toxic plants! – Do you have a safe garden? We hope you enjoy this newsletter which includes some very informative articles in relation to spring time.

Toxic Plants

There are many plants in our houses and yards that are potentially harmful for our pets and livestock. There are such a wide variety of plants, of which could cause harm, these include: Oleander, Deadly Nightshade, Sago Palms, Ivy, Lilies, Philodendrons, Cycads, Rubber Trees, Chinese Greens, Aloe Vera, Asparagus Ferns, Crofton Weed and Lantana. Remembering that the seeds and flowers are often the most toxic part.

For a comprehensive list of plants, search the internet titled 'Toxic plants for dogs and cats', this will give you an idea of what to look out for. This list should also include medicinal/recreation plants around the house as they also can have a profound effect.

Even though cats are much fussier than dogs and may not necessarily eat the plants, they groom intensely and if they brush against flower stamens or other substances, they can contaminate their coat and ingestion can occur through grooming.

Toxic plants can cause a variety of symptoms which may include; intense burning sensation in the mouth, neurological symptoms including ataxia and photosensitivity (wobbling and squinting) excessive salivation, vomiting, diarrhoea, seizures, liver and kidney damage, and even heart arrhythmia (irregular heartbeats). Symptoms can range from mild cases of vomiting and lethargy to intense neurological abnormalities and organ failure which may be fatal. **Immediate veterinary intervention is recommended.**



Breed profile



Scottish Fold

The Scottish Fold originated in Scotland and is so named due to the unusual bend in the ear cartilage which causes both ears to bend forward and down towards the front of their head, giving them what is often described as an "owl-like" appearance.

The interesting part about the Scottish Fold is that only one parent can be a folded ear cat, the other parent must be a straight eared cat.

The consequence of breeding two folded ear parents has severe problems with cartilage development in other areas (not just the ears) and is not considered to be humane.

They are placid, calm and usually agreeable to extended handling. Therefore they are considered to be a sweet-tempered cat; devoted but not demanding; bouncy on occasion, but never too boisterous, more likely to charm than to challenge.

star patient

Winston & Charlie

These two beautiful, energetic 7 month old Schipperke X puppies presented with neurological signs (ataxia and squinting, diarrhoea, sneezing and excessive salivation). After thorough history taking it was suspected they had eaten something toxic. Symptoms persisted for 24 hours for Charlie and after supportive therapy he was allowed home to continue recovering while Winston remained on supportive therapy for an additional 48 hours.

One of the concerns was the potential of liver damage so bloods were performed to check functionality. Due to the nature of the toxicity, supportive therapy was the only treatment that could be administered as there is no antidote. Repeat bloods were done to check his organ functionality 2 weeks after going home, these showed no compromise to his vital organs.

Plant toxicity can be a very dangerous situation so please take notice of what plants you have in your garden.





Puppy Skool

Congratulations to our recent Graduates:
Banjo Pearson, Belle Wilson, Huey Whealey, Bella Eagles, Rachie Young, Burger Sanders, Brandi Owers, Hudson Sales, Mac Hayward, Ollie Love, Sheila Lester and Simba Hearn.

Wonderful Wildlife

These beautiful, but noisy birds grow to about 35cm long. They are well known for their bright red and rich blue feathers.

Crimson rosellas eat seeds from a range of trees, shrubs and grasses as well as tree blossoms and insects.

They breed in tree hollows, lined with wood shavings. The female lays between 4-8 eggs and both the male and female look after the young. They compete for the best nesting spots and will often destroy the eggs of other pairs so that they can take over their nests. Young crimson rosellas start off with green feathers and become redder as they get older.



Crimson Rosella



Inside our Clinic

YOU COULD WIN!!!

Fleas and Ticks – Look out!!

As tick season is now upon us we would love to help keep your precious pets protected. We are currently running a competition on the full range of Bravecto. This gives you the chance to win the

equivalent of that which you have purchased. Competition closes 30th September 2019.

Large Animals

Protect Your Cattle Against BEF Now

BEF (or three day sickness) is a disease in cattle resulting in huge economic losses through deaths, loss of condition and reduced fertility in bulls. The virus is spread by sandflies and causes fever, shivering, shifting lameness and muscular stiffness.

With the warmer weather approaching, now is the ideal time to be vaccinating your cattle against BEF. The vaccine can be given to cattle older than six months and is only available from veterinarians as it is a modified live vaccine. Cattle are given two doses at an interval of 2-4 weeks, followed by an annual booster.

It is critical to be aware that naïve cattle require at least two doses in order to confer protective immunity from the disease.

As a minimum we recommend vaccination of bulls and valuable females. Don't wait until you hear of an outbreak when it is already too late.



With Middy Mills



Play or Disaster?

Even though our dogs often enjoy fetching a thrown stick the potential of inflicting harm is very real. Your dog could be impaled with the wrong landing of a thrown stick and cause a penetration of the mouth cavity or injury to their body.

The severity of the injuries depend on the location and depth of the impalement and often require surgical attention.

This can be prevented by throwing a ball or appropriate toy instead. So think twice when next playing with your dog to keep them safe and out of danger.



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