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October 2019 Newsletter

Hello and welcome to this month's newsletter.

HIGHlands Veterinary Hospital has been busy with the spring weather settling into its new season. The HIGHlands team has stressed the necessity for guarding against fleas and ticks that are now out and about with the warmer weather. Both these parasites create considerable health problems for pets, which are very easy to prevent. And as you know, our team at HIGHlands prefer prevention which saves a lot of pets from suffering and anxiety.

Another thing to be aware of is making your [pet wait in a hot car!](#) Clicking on the link above is a report from the RSPCA about how it only takes 6 minutes for a dog to die in a hot car! Leaving a window slightly open doesn't help. Even if you think you'll only be gone for a couple of minutes, that can be too long! Don't put your pet through this – it is classed as cruelty to animals and fines can be hefty for offenders, let alone the heartache of losing your best furry friend.

Thanks for all your support, we value our clients and appreciate any feedback that you may have. 😊

FREE HANDOUT! Surviving Tick Paralysis in the Southern Highlands. An important handout written by veterinarian Dr. Diederik Gelderman. For your free copy, email us on info@highlandsveterinaryhospital.com.au or call us on 02 4872 1144



This month we cover topics such as fleas, our new section on Adopting a Pet, and we also have our monthly case study. This month Princess the beautiful Ragdoll Cat is our subject.

We also have another pet selfie competition for you so check that out, and we announce the winner of the September Pet Selfie Competition for our new HIGHlands App.

As you can see, we have a new format for the newsletter, which we hope you will enjoy!



The proud Cat Bed competition /Bravecto purchase winner at Highland Veterinary Hospital are Paul and Linda from Hill Top.



NexGard on Special - Prevention Costs Less at HIGHlands

NexGard is your secret weapon in the war against fleas, tick and mite protection. No more complicated treatments with easy to follow instructions. NexGard is kind on the health for various breeds of dogs, even those with a sensitive disposition! Receive 3 months' supply and save up to \$31 (depending on the size of your dog). Hurry on in to get yours or contact us on 02 4872 1144 and we will put one aside for you. Protection is the best strategy in the war against parasites.

Facts about Fleas

Fleas can be so hard to spot on your dog and your pet's coat is the ideal place to hide. Finding the black flea dirt is often easier – it is a pinprick size of black that can be found deep within the coat. The reason fleas are so bad for your dog's health is that they can trigger an allergic reaction on a sensitive dog called Flea Allergy Dermatitis or FAD for short. This condition causes intense itchiness which can lead to hair loss, infections and sores that can drive your dog mad. Would you believe that 95% of your flea problems within the home environment are the eggs, larvae and pupae! They perpetuate an endless cycle of flea infestation. To tackle the flea situation, you need to make your yard less appealing to these parasites by keeping the grass short and getting rid of piles of brush. You need to wash your pet's bedcover in hot water often and dry it in strong sunlight or on a high setting in a dryer. And you must be vigilant and vacuum your home often, especially where there are carpets which provide a sanctuary for the cunning flea. For these parasites, the war is never over. You must maintain your vigilance and use preventative measures both for your dog and for your home.

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CASE STUDY – Princess the Ragdoll Cat.

Princess was brought into Highland Veterinary Hospital by her owner who noticed she was having problems urinating. Cats often are susceptible to urinary infections, so it is important to bring your cat in for a yearly health check to keep tabs on their health. Dr. Diederik performed a physical examination and found a mass the size of an orange in her abdomen. No wonder she was having trouble. An exploratory Laparotomy was done under anaesthetic plus Princess was given blood tests, then the team at Highland's performed the careful and intricate operation of removing the mass. Princess was kept on a heat mat to maintain her body temperature during the operation, and little booties were put on her feet as keeping the cat's internal body temperature at a near to normal range is important. To find out more, go to our video – the link is below – and find out more about this amazing operation.

<https://www.facebook.com/highlandsveterinaryhospital/videos/1991187834316500/>

Be proactive about your pet's healthcare.

Choose one of our Pet Health Value plans. To find out more – [CLICK HERE](#)

Bruno is Micro chipped, vaccinated, neutered and has a full bill of health.



The theme for our **October Pet Selfie** competition is **Halloween**. We can't wait to see what you come up with for this one! You can win \$100 to spend at Highlands Veterinary Hospital.

Recycled Plastic Dog Collars and Leads!



FACT- Lilies Kill Cats

All parts of the lily are poisonous; the stems, leaves, petals, pollen and even the vase water! Lilies cause acute kidney failure in cats.



If you have cats, please keep lilies out of your home!

Adopt a Pet – Bruno the Neo Mastiff cross with a heart as big as he is!

Bruno is a bit of a goofball and at 6 years of age is still a puppy at heart. He is eager to learn, gets along well with medium to large dogs and likes to chase cats so he is best in a home without one. A real personality, he will be your best friend. Bruno has been treated for fleas, worms and is as healthy as any dog. He loves walks and will keep you fit. Eager to please, he will listen to your commands. The team at the Golden Oldies Animal Rescue would love to see him in a forever home of his own. Interested? Give his foster care giver David a call on 0417 176 260 – he knows this goofball better than anyone!

HIGHland APP Competition WINNER! WINNER OF OUR FIRST Highland Veterinary Hospital Pet Selfie APP COMPETITION for September is ... TIMON!

Timon & Linda Craft are from
Raglan St, Hill Top.
Congratulations Timon and Linda!



RED Dingo Tags - simply the best Pet Bling around with a practical use.

Red Dingo have great looking tags that provide ID information to protect your pet. Designed in enamel on solid stainless steel, they will never rust or corrode! There are many designs and are available in small, medium and large sizes for dogs. Cat tags are also available but are in one size only. For more information, [CLICK HERE](#).

Why not combine them with one of our recycled plastics dog collars and lead. Anipal is a Veterinary initiative tackling the crisis of plastics clogging up our natural habitats and giving useful materials a second life as beautiful and recycled pet products. Come into the [HIGHlands Veterinary Hospital](#) and chose a special gift for your furry friend.

Springtime Flowers

Many spring flowers such as daffodils, jonquils, tulips, lilies and many more are toxic to pets. Young animals are extremely curious and anything new in the garden will get the 'taste test.' Everything seems to go in their mouth. Beware of what you are planting, and the fertilizer's you use, or you may end up with an emergency trip to the vet!

Time for a laugh 😊

Q. What do you get when you cross a dog with a calculator?

A. A friend you can count on

Living in a household with eight indoor cats requires buying large amounts of kitty litter, which I usually get in 11 kg. bags. When I was going to be out of town for a week, I decided to go to the supermarket to stock up. As my husband and I both pushed shopping carts, each loaded with five large bags of litter, a man looked at our purchases and asked. 'Bengal or Siberian?'

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