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Welcome to Your June Newsletter.



Winter has arrived! And while some welcome it's chilly embrace, others such as young, skinny or elderly pets can find it a challenge. Now is the time for a deeply padded bed for your pet to snuggle into. Another area to consider is your pet's daily food allowance. Keeping warm uses additional calories so they may need a bit extra food to get through the winter. For young or pets with minimal fur, check out the range of pet clothing you can get for them. From padded vests to coats and hats, your pal can be quite the fashionista. But if you notice your pet is a bit stiff in the legs and is moving slower, they may be suffering from Arthritis. Bring them into visit us as we can help them to manage their pain over winter. Remember, if you are feeling the cold, then your pet probably is too!

From the Friendly Team at HIGHlands Veterinary Hospital

CAT'S PAW CARE

Excessive paw licking and nibbling can be a sign of an injury, allergy or anxiety. Sometimes it is as simple as a splinter or a burr stuck in their foot. Other times it may be caused by an infestation of parasites such as fleas or ticks. Even if there are no obvious parasites, it may be caused by a flea bite. Black flecks indicate the fleas are still around which will require treatment. Other causes are an allergy to a food or to an environmental pollen that has caused an itch. If it is a real problem for your kitty, bring them along for a quick checkup.

TRAINING YOUR DOG - IS IT WORTH THE EFFORT?

There are many reasons why it is important to take the time and train your dog. Training sessions with your dog improves your relationship and strengthens the bond between you both. It is a fun way of spending more time together and not only that, but a trained dog is more fun to have around. There is nothing worse than a dog who barks and jumps on visitors, digs tunnels in your lawn, and then ignores your commands and runs amok! Training time provides the mental stimulation that a dog needs to stay grounded and happy. And there is nothing nicer than a dog who obeys your commands. You need to be in control when you take your pup to the beach or to a public gathering. This is where the time spent training will pay off big time. So a big YES is the answer to this question.



PUPPY PRESCHOOL Tuesday July 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd

A great opportunity for your puppy to learn, socialise and grow into the best they can be. HIGHlands & Totally Pawsable Dogtraining Bookings available now.

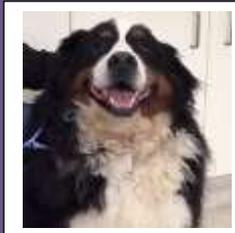
How to Remove a Tick from your Dog or Cat

Firstly, assemble all the things that you will need, such as latex or rubber gloves, t'weezers (ones with a point work the best), rubbing alcohol, antiseptic wipes and a jar or container with a lid for the offending tick. Keep your pet calm or have a family member hold them while you remove the tick. Use the tweezers to grab the tick as close to your dog's skin as you can. Be careful not to pinch your dog's skin! Using steady pressure, use a straight pulling motion to pull the tick out. Don't twist the tick or you may leave parts of the parasite in your pet. Pull out straight and steady. Check that the tick has its head and mouth parts, you don't want those left in your dog or cat. If those bits are still in your pet, bring them into us to completely remove as they can cause serious infection and disease. So what do you do with the tick? You can kill it by placing it in the container you have handy, and cover it with rubbing alcohol and put the lid on. Keep it for now in case your pet develops any symptoms of disease - it will help us to know the type of tick it is. Gently disinfect the bite site on your furry companion. Make sure you give your friend a treat for being so brave. Keep watch on the bite site to ensure it is healing and doesn't become infected. For the next few weeks make sure you observe your pet in case of any symptoms of disease they may have caught. If your pet develops a fever, has little energy or has a loss of appetite, or swollen lymph nodes, bring them into us immediately for treatment.

Case studies - Orlando

Suffering from a Meibomian Gland Tumour (located in the eye area) this beautiful Bernese Mountain Dog's eye was inflamed due to irritation from the growth in his lower eyelid. The tumour was a benign growth but required a delicate operation. It involved a wedge resection cut to remove the growth.

Lining up the eyelid cut edges afterwards and stitching it up required precise alignment of the newly cut edges so that it remains smooth and won't irritate the eye. It will only take a couple of weeks for recovery and then the sutures can be removed. Orlando is now recovering at home and has proven to be a model patient. Check out the video of this operation - it is very informative and easy to watch!



<https://www.facebook.com/highlandsveterinaryhospital/videos/391821744759700/>

Chellowdeen Florist - Gwen Den & the Power of Flowers.

Studies have shown that flowers create a feeling of happiness and can have long lasting effects on those who are lonely or to those just going through tough times. When Gwen was approached by HIGHlands to send sympathy flowers to a customer who had lost a pet, or she was more than happy to put her talents to work. Impressed by HIGHlands compassion, she says it acknowledges the loss in a beautiful caring way and they have continued to work together. Mother's Day weekend celebrated all pet owners who visited HIGHlands and they received a lovely rose from Gwen's florist Chellowdeen. Gwen began her floral business in 1968 and serves a thriving wedding clientele. She is a member of Interflora, meaning she can send flowers around the world. This talented lady says flowers are for all the occasions in life, both the good and the sad. Flowers can say what words can't. Gwen is also a breeder of Shelties, German Shepherds, and gorgeous Ragdoll cats and HIGHlands is her vet of choice.

<http://chellowdeen.com.au/> or Ph. 02 4684 1235

Dog Collars & Leads made from recycled plastics.

AniPal is a Veterinary initiative tackling the plastic waste crisis, cleaning natural habitats by removing waste and giving useful materials a second life as beautiful and recycled pet products. Available in clinic now - these collars and leads are truly beautiful! They make a fabulous gift and help the planet as well.

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**JOIN THE FAMILY:
ENJOY THE
FREEDOM**

A Pet HEALTH CARE Plan - They are the perfect insurance against the unexpected and often expensive treatment for a sick or injured pet which most owners find hard to pay for out-of-pocket. A health plan provides for preventative care such as vaccinations, heartworm protection, and prevents infestation of internal and external parasites. For a low monthly price, you can have your pet protected and achieve peace of mind. Plan for the future, come in and have a talk to us. We have a range of plans to suit any budget.

Why Does My Dog Stink!

If it is not an external smell (as in they have rolled in something rotten) then you need to check them out. Dental problems can cause bad breath, this could be broken teeth, infected gums or food stuck in the teeth. Ears can become infected by allergies, mites or bacteria and they can really pong. Skin problems can also create a smelly odour such as a wound that is infected. And then there is the rear end ... the anal glands in some dogs can become impacted. If your dog scoots along the floor on their butt, this could be the problem. Your dog really needs our help here, so bring them in for a check up and we will have your dog smelling sweet again once their health issues are fixed.

New Pet Owners - Ask Us Your Questions Before You Purchase a Pet!

For all new pet owners, please feel free to ask us about the breed of pet you are considering, the yearly health care requirements and get the facts for a healthy diet for the age of your proposed new pet. We can also advise on vaccinations, micro chipping your pet, and explain desexing procedures. Adding a pet to your family is an emotional time. Who can resist a puppy or kitten's cuddles. But knowing how to care for this cute addition is vital. We are happy to discuss the realities of being a pet owner so that you and your new companion can settle into a happy family life.

'The great pleasure of a dog is that you may make a fool of yourself with him and not only will he not scold you, but he will make a fool of himself too!'
Samuel Butler.



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