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Welcome to Your May Newsletter.



Autumn is a lovely time of the year. After the heat of summer, it is a time to chill out and enjoy the cooler days. Pets enjoy the change as well, as they seem to have more energy. Dogs can get outside and play their hearts out, which is great for building up strength and resistance to winter. Sadly parasites also have a 'last fling' before winter, as they seek a warm host to cozy up to. After a walk outside check your pets' coat to ensure there are no free riders hanging on. This applies to your cat as well. As they explore the garden they make ideal targets to these pests. The cooler weather can be deceiving as parasites don't die off, they just get more cunning. Keeping up with your pet's preventative treatments is vital during the autumn season.

From the Friendly Team at HIGHlands Veterinary Hospital

ANTI FREEZE TOXICITY

In some areas, winters can get really cold, and that's when many turn to Antifreeze to keep their car running effectively. Antifreeze often contains ethylene glycol (EG) which is highly toxic to cats and dogs. Be careful if you are working around your car and using antifreeze or hydraulic brake fluid. Just 1 teaspoon can be fatal to a cat, while 1 tablespoon can cause severe kidney failure in dogs. If your pet is exposed to this substance, it is critical to get your pet treatment within three hours of ingesting the product. Call us immediately!

DEALING WITH CAT ABSCESSSES

These infections are caused by fighting (either serious or fun fights) where the skin is punctured by a tooth or claw from another cat. Bacteria gets into the underlying tissues then the wound heals over trapping the bacteria inside where it multiplies and thrives. Not all injuries develop into an abscess - it depends on your cat's immunity system and how deep the wound was. In 3-5 days you will see a swelling which is very painful for your cat. Sometime the abscess will rupture spontaneously and discharge the foul smelling pus, but other times your cat will need help to treat the wound. If your cat has been in a fight, bring them into the clinic so that we can treat them with antibiotics before the wound develops further. Don't ignore even a small puncture - early action can often avoid expensive complications.



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PenHIP Radiography - An effective tool in the fight against Canine Hip Dysplasia.

Otherwise known as the (University of) Pennsylvania Hip Improvement Program which is where the program originated from in 1993. Dr. Diederik Gelderman at HIGHlands is one of the original innovators of this technique and has been certified to use it since 1996. The primary objective of the process is to reduce the prevalence of hip dysplasia in dogs and helps to predict the onset of osteoarthritis which is the hallmark of canine hip dysplasia. Dogs with this condition suffer from pain, stiffness, disability and a reduced quality of life. In dogs, hip dysplasia is an abnormal formation of the hip socket which can develop into a crippling lameness and painful arthritis of the joints.

Larger breeds such as the Labrador or Golden Retrievers are mostly at risk. Dogs with looser hips are more at risk of getting dysplasia than those that have tighter hips. The program assists breeders and owners alike and enables pet owners to put in place preventative measures aimed at delaying the onset and severity of hip arthritis in dogs. It allows breeders to determine the best dogs from a litter to breed from in the future to prevent this condition. With the PennHIP analysis we can accurately determine whether your pet has Hip Dysplasia or not from as early as 12 weeks of age! Hip Dysplasia affects over 50% of some dog breeds, so talk to Dr. Diederik if you have any concerns and would like to know more. The treatment is completely safe and painless for your dog.

Case studies - Lou lou Cesarean

Lou Lou is a beautiful French Bulldog who was pregnant with her first litter of pups. This breed often have problems having a natural birth, so we were on standby to help. As her approximate date drew near, the owners started taking her temperature in the morning & at night. When 80% of dogs are due to go into labour, their temperature often changes within 12 -24 hours of the event. When this happened, Lou Lou arrived at the clinic and within a relatively short time, was delivered with three healthy, squirming pups. I am sure you will agree that they make a cute family picture. Some dog breeds require help during delivery. We are on hand to assist and ensure your dog delivers with as less stress as possible.



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The Golden Oldies Rescue Group.

The Golden Oldies Rescue Group is dedicated to the rescuing and re-homing of older souls. They rescue as many senior dogs and cats that are in need as they can. These animals include those that are abandoned, surrendered to pounds, or surrendered straight to their organisation. The focus on the group is to protect elderly and high risk animals being killed off simply because they don't have a safe place to call home.

HIGHlands Veterinary Hospital works with this group offering our professional services free of charge to them. These beautiful animals deserve a better future after having already given so much of their love and loyalty to humans. Foster homes offer a safe haven until a forever home can be found. Highlands ensure these pets are vet-checked, desexed, microchipped and vaccinated. Do you have room for a beautiful mature pet? The Golden Oldies Rescue Group would love to hear from you if you can help in any way.

IMPORTANT NOTE- Check your pet's ears regularly for infection or trapped foreign objects such as seeds. Be very gentle with the inner ear as this area is very sensitive. Use a soft damp cloth to wipe the ear out, don't use a cotton bud or delve too deeply into the inner ear. On your pet's next health check visit we can show you the way to do this job quickly and effectively.

WHAT DOES MY PET HEALTH PLAN COVER?

Prevention is better than cure which is why we offer tailored preventative healthcare, which is designed to give your pet the best opportunity for good health and a long life.

Included in the packages are the recommended annual vaccinations, heartworm protection, external and internal parasite protection. We also have a puppy and kitten plan that covers their needs including sterilisation. Our tailored healthcare plans are designed to meet your pets' needs regardless of their age. For a minimal monthly fee you can spread the cost of pet care and enjoy peace of mind. Having a health plan in place for your pet covers the financial burden should your pet have an accident or develop disease.

Handy Tips - PET Behavioural Problems

Alleviate boredom - give your pet plenty to do. Regular exercise, spending quality time with them, and leave toys for them to play with when you are not there. Hire a dog walker or a cat visitor when you are faced with a long day at work. Make their life meaningful!

Be Consistent - Animals learn best from consistent rules. Make sure your family or flatmates stick to the same rules when interacting with your pet and you will have less problems



"In order to keep a true perspective of one's importance, everyone should have a dog that will worship him and a cat that will ignore him."
Derek Bruce.

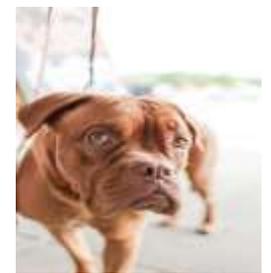
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