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Welcome to Your August Newsletter.

Winter is harder on older pets; the cold gets into their bones and it's harder to get around. But it is important to understand that geriatric and senior pets are not the same and need to be treated differently. Geriatric pets are classified as dogs older than 10 years, and cats above 14. It is hard for owners to pluck up the courage and bring these pets to the Veterinary Hospital - you realise your pet is getting on in age and fear what a checkup may reveal. But we can offer so much help to make the golden years of your pets' life enjoyable and pain free. Our goal is aligned with yours; we realise how emotional it can be and what a valuable family member your pet is. Put your fears to rest and come and talk to our caring professionals.

From the Friendly team at HIGHLANDS Veterinary Hospital

The Friendly Road to Pet Wellness.



YEAR-ROUND FLEA CARE.

Fleas are much easier to prevent than to eliminate. Did you realise that the heating used in our homes during winter also provides a wonderful environment for the flea? They love their comforts! Fleas cause skin disease and some pets are allergic to their bites. Don't leave it till summer - ask us how to prevent the flea taking up residence on your pet and in your home!



WINTER WATER.

Did you know that your horse needs more water in winter? Without the lush summer pastures that provide extra moisture, the dried winter food can make them prone to impaction colic. To encourage your horse to drink more, keep the water at around 10 or 12 degrees Celsius. You may also need to increase your horse's salt intake throughout the winter months.

PET HEALTH VALUE PLANS.

One thing that concerns all pet owners is the cost of caring for their pet during these economically tight times. At HIGHlands Veterinary Hospital we understand these concerns and believe that prevention is the goal, both from a financial and emotional viewpoint. Many pets can avoid disease or at least limit the effects with preventative or early intervention. We offer all our valued clients both new and existing, a range of exciting new Pet Health Plans that are designed to give your beloved pet the best options for health and longevity. For one monthly fee starting at \$39/month, which includes ALL their flea/tick/heartworm and worm preventables as well as annual health checks and vaccination. Combine this with other free extras and your pet gets optimal health care and home deliveries for preventatives. The plan helps you financially and saves you time with the home delivery which is a reminder to treat your furry friend. Add in member rewards and you have a plan that is simple, affordable and most importantly - it is effective. Joining our Pet Health Plan simplifies pet care, so be proactive and ask our friendly team to explain the options available.

Case Study - Gypsy is a rescue dog who was brought into our clinic with a severe case of squamous cell carcinoma. She is only three years of age, yet this cancer is a result of uv light exposure (sunlight). Lucky for Gypsy, we were able to remove the cancer and her recovery is going well. If you see a red raised lump especially on a white area on your pet, bring them in to us for a checkup. Catching these conditions early makes it easier to treat. Prevention for your dog is simple, just make them a little jacket out of good quality wetsuit material and ensure it covers their tummy and legs. Check out the video online at our Facebook page for the full story of Gypsy (See the link below for the video of Gypsy).

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Gypsy is quietly recuperating her operation in this photo. We are happy to say that she has fully recovered, and she is looking forward to finding her forever home. If you can help, contact the Golden Oldies Animal Rescue. Their details are on our Facebook page.

Meet Casey - HIGHlands Vet Nurse and the friendly face who greets you at Reception.

With twenty years veterinary experience and a HIGHlands recruit since 2007, you can be sure you are in good hands. Casey has a passion for horses, and she spends three weekends per month competing in Campdrafting and Events. Her team comprises of four stock horses, so you can judge her passion for animals and her expertise from that alone. But it doesn't end there - she lives on a farm near Marulan and has raised a few hand reared Doper lambs who adore her and follow her everywhere. They behave more like dogs, but she doesn't have the heart to tell them they are sheep. Her best mate is her dog Mumble who is a Blue Cattle Dog - he is a healthy 12 years old and is her shadow when she is home. Combine all her own animal commitments with her work at HIGHlands Veterinary Hospital, and you can see her dedication to animal health and welfare.

JOKE OF THE MONTH

Q. What is the difference between a cat and a complex sentence?

A. A cat has claws at the end of its paws, and a complex sentence has a pause at the end of its clause!



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