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CLINIC NEWS

Not too much news from the clinic staff this season but we wanted to let you know that CPIT vet nursing students are coming in for work experience most days during the week and Saturdays. They are wearing blue smocks so can be easily identified. It is great experience for them to be able to work supervised within a real workplace.

SEASONAL UPDATE

Autumn

Keep Walking

With daylight savings just finished, the darker evenings will challenge us to exercise our pets. Keep up the motivation – get your dog and yourself a high vis vest each and maybe a head torch for you and keep walking. Your dog will love you for it!

The fleas haven't gone

Fleas are still out in force so please make sure you continue to treat all your pets regularly (every 4-8wks depending on the product). Its much easier to prevent a flea infestation than try remove them once they get inside your house and car

Cold weather and your pets

Keep in mind with the change of weather, your pets will be feeling the cold too, especially older pets who tend to be prone to arthritis, this seems to be worse in the colder weather. Keep them warm when going out for walks etc.

Check vaccination status

Recent news reports have highlighted Parvo outbreaks in other areas of the country. Check your pets vaccination status and if its due or overdue give us a call to book an appointment. Nursing a dog through Parvo virus is not nice, nor is survival guaranteed.

PROMOTION

Frontline Plus:

Frontline have a promo going at the moment till 25th April 2014- buy any box of cat or dog frontline plus or 2 broadline singles and you can enter the draw for a cat or dog pamper pack (has bed, toy, bowls and food and frontline vouchers).

Endogard

Running from now till 30th May 2014. Buy a years' worth of endogard tablets for your pet (4 tablets of the same size ie 4x 5kg tablets or 4x 10kg tablets or 4x 20kg tablets) and you can enter the draw to win one of ten La-Z-Boy recliners.



**Caring Vets,
Healthy Pets**

ARTICLE Lost Pets

By Tiffany VN

Dogs

If your dog is missing the first thing to do is ring the Christchurch City Council dog control and report it missing. The Pound will be notified and the information then will then be available to anyone who rings the council reporting a found dog.

Dogs are often picked up quite quickly by Dog Control as the public will generally report a wandering dog or take a found dog to their local veterinary clinic. The veterinary clinic will then ring the council and if there is a dog that fits the correct description the Council will contact the owner. If there isn't a match Dog Control will then pick up the dog from the clinic usually on the same day and keep it at the Pound. If you haven't been reunited with your dog in the first day it is worth ringing the city council daily to see if there have been any reported dogs found, this is particularly important if your dog is not registered or microchipped as they will have no way of contacting you.

It is important to note that if you have not registered and microchipped your dog and it is picked up by the Pound they will only hold it for 7 days before they have the right to euthanise it.

It is also worthwhile actually visiting the pound to see if your dog is there as with cross breed dogs people may describe it differently to what you do, similarly people's perception of colour may vary.

There is a website called "pets on the net" that you can register your dog missing and also check regularly if someone has listed a found dog.

It is a good idea to ring the veterinary clinics in your area and SPCA to notify them that you have lost your dog and check that none one has brought a found dog in.

Cats

It is not so easy if your cat is missing but firstly ring the SPCA, Cats Protection League and your local veterinary clinics to register that your cat is missing and to check if any have been reported found. An accurate description of its colour is important.

It is helpful to go around your neighbourhood and knock on doors to let people know your cat is missing and ask if they have seen a cat of the same description hanging around. You can also ask them if you can look in their garden as cats that have been hit by a car or even frightened can take off to the nearest garden and hide under a bush. It can be a good idea

to do this during the day but also in the evening as cats are more like to come out from hiding in the dark.

Another thing you can do is print up a flyer that you can put in letterboxes around the neighbourhood, is worthwhile doing quite a large area as cats can travel quite a distance. The flyer can also be put up on the noticeboards of your local veterinary clinics.

Registering your cat on the website "pets on the net" is important and regularly checking it to see if anyone has reported a found cat.

Microchipping is extremely valuable in reuniting cats and owners. If your cat isn't microchipped, then contact us to discuss this procedure and the associated cost. It is well worth the investment.



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