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The friendly team with over 50 years of veterinary experience.



FACTS ABOUT HEARTWORM

These parasites can live inside the arteries of a pet's heart and lungs and feed on their blood. They are spread by mosquitoes who bite and feed on an infected pet which then go onto bite another pet, infecting it with the heartworm larvae. Signs include a dry and persistent cough, lack of energy, weight loss, and weakness. Heartworm disease starts slowly then advances to major lung damage or heart failure. Early diagnosis and prevention is vital. There are heartworm preventative treatments so come in and talk to us about what is best for your pet. Dogs, cats and even ferrets can get this condition. Click [HERE](#) for more information about preventative pet healthcare.



Welcome to our **SEPTEMBER 2019** Newsletter.

At last Spring has arrived – plants are budding and ready to burst into flower, days are warmer, and pets welcome the freedom to explore outdoors once again. But with the many advantages of spring come a few disadvantages. Snakes are more active and are beginning to move about more, parasites such as fleas and ticks are on the prowl looking for a new home and food source. Spring is a busy time with romance in the air, so be prepared to protect your female dogs and cats unless you are prepared to take responsibility for a little bundle of cuteness. Now might be the time to desex your pet. There are so many pets requiring homes already that unplanned litters add more pressure to find homes for all these animals. Let's make this spring a time of pet health, respectful snake encounters, and less unwanted fur babies. Act responsibly and ask for our help.



WHAT EVERY PET OWNER SHOULD KNOW ABOUT SNAKES!

Did you know that there are around 140 species of snakes that live on the land in Australia? Roughly 100 species are venomous but only 12 snake types have a bite that can kill a person or an animal which includes the Brown Snake, Death Adder, and Tiger Snake. Snake activity is linked to temperature with most snakes being active when it is between 26 -32 degrees Celsius. Usually, they are active for most of the day in spring, and early morning and late afternoon in summer. Pets are often attracted to the movement and they will aggravate this new 'toy' to their own detriment. Here are some tips to keep snakes at bay.

- *Keep your lawn short so snakes can't hide in the long grass
 - *Trim up to 30 cm underneath bushes and shrubs so snakes can't hide there
 - *Remove debris such as boards, rubbish, firewood, flagstones or large rocks
 - *Don't panic if you see a snake, leave them alone. Train your dog commands such as 'leave it' or 'come away.'
 - *Walk your dog on a leash so you have control if you encounter a snake
- If your pet is bitten, bring them into the clinic immediately. If you can safely take a photo of the snake please do so, but only if it is safe. It will help us in determining treatment, but you and your pet's safety always comes first.

Our information packed website for healthier + happier pets is;
<http://www.cheltenhamvet.com/>

Time for a laugh!

Q. What kind of snakes are found on cars? A. Windshield Vipers

Q. Why did the lamb run over the cliff? A. He didn't see the ewe turn! 😊



PUPPY PRESCHOOL

Check [this link](#) re puppy preschool and give your pup a head start in life. Early socialisation is important and builds confident active puppies.

PET SUPPLIES & FOOD

Due to pet diet and health concerns, we can offer you both advice and products at our veterinary clinic. It can be confusing with so many options available, but we can help you match your good intentions to the ideal product. We have high quality food, pet treats, toys and preventative medicine (for parasites) available, skincare products and dental care and foods that are ideal for your pets teeth.

A warm welcome awaits you at our clinic to make you feel at home. Our team love meeting any new fur babies that you have added to your family! Whether you have a dog, cat, bird, rabbit, guinea pig or any other pocket pets, we just love getting to know them and welcome a visit. Come and see us if you have any pet health or care questions.

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OUR CAT GROOMING SERVICE WILL HAVE YOUR CAT PURRING CONTENTEDLY.

Our [cat grooming service](#) is available if your cat has problems of the furry kind. Knotted fur is not much fun for as many cat owners have found out.

It can be painful for your cat, and painful for you when kitty punishes you with a well-timed bite or scratch for hurting them! Most cats will require sedation to allow the vet to brush or clip their coat, but recovery is prompt and your cat will feel so much better for it. Plus being fussed over by our animal crazy caring team is a reward in itself! Keep to a regular brushing routine with your cat to prevent knots forming which is also a great time to check your cat for fleas or ticks. With any health issue, early detection is important as treatment is quicker and more effective in the early stages of a disease. Please contact Cheltenham Veterinary Clinic to arrange a spring grooming session for your cat.



Please check out our Facebook page – it is regularly updated and covers a wealth of information.

<https://www.facebook.com/cheltenhamvetclinic/>

FIVE TIPS FOR BRUSHING YOUR PET'S TEETH.

We all know the importance of care for your pet's teeth, but how do you do it and how often? Here are a few tips to help you.

- 1/ Start by adding a special pet toothpaste with a nice flavour to the toothbrush, never use human toothpaste as it is not good for our pets.
 - 2/ With your pet nestled comfortably in your lap (depending on size) hold the brush at a 45-degree angle to the gumline
 - 3/ Brush in a circular motion with gentle pressure on the teeth and gums
 - 4/ Brush for about 30 – 60 seconds remembering to do the back teeth too
 - 5/ Reward your pet for their good behaviour – it makes it easier for next time
- Alternatives to teeth brushing include large, hard products such as dried pig's ears, rawhide bones, and some special chewing toys that clean the teeth and the gums as they chew away. We recommend brushing at least 2 -3 times per week and getting regular dental check-ups as part of your pet health care routine.



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TICKS – The Pet Vampires!

Ticks can be a deadly parasite for your pet with over 10,000 pets affected by tick paralysis each year. Signs of infection include vomiting, excessive drooling, difficulty in breathing, and loss of appetite. If you find a tick, remove it by its head at the point closest to your pets' skin – never squeeze the tick's body. Once removed dab the area with a mild antiseptic and book your pet in for veterinary care as soon as possible. We can advise you on the most effective insecticide treatment for your furry friend. Daily checks for pets are advisable. Ticks are the size of a match head when they first attach themselves but get bigger as they feed.