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Welcome...

Welcome to our Autumn newsletter. We hope it finds both you and your family happy and healthy. Everyone at the clinic has been in good spirits; Jenna and Roxanne will be attending the Annual Veterinary Nurses' Conference in Brisbane – hopefully bringing back lots of goodies for the clinic! Hazel and Michael have now swapped over to their winter roster, meaning that Hazel will be working every Saturday as Michael's soccer season has begun. Both are still available for consultation during the week. We hope you are enjoying the cooler weather, and look forward to seeing you soon!

The team at the Old Reynella Vet Clinic.

Cat Scratching Posts

Did you know that cat scratching posts are a great way to alleviate stress in your cat? Cats like to rest in high places, much like their wild cousins, and do need to scratch things in order to keep their claws in perfect working order. Cat Scratching Posts provide them with a scratching surface (rather than your expensive leather couch) and also provides them with somewhere safe to sleep.

Peter Buck lives in the Happy Valley region and has been building cat scratching posts to order for years. His posts are not only custom-built to your specifications in a range of colours, they're also far sturdier than their overseas made counterparts. All of our staff own or have owned one of his posts at sometime, and can attest to their strength and durability.

So if you have a feline friend and want to provide them with somewhere to rest and relax, why not give Peter a call on 8381-8348 and see what sort of post he can build for you!



Puppy Playschool



Congratulations to the latest puppies to graduate from our Puppy Playschool in February & March!

(L to R): Steve and Dawn with Mia, Micah and Sherelle with Alfie and Pam with Felix.

L to R : Rachael & Michael with Crosby; Brenda & Nigel with Apple; Kate with Darcy; June, Caitlin & Matt with Ruby; Kyrie & Robyn with Ella; Kim & Jackson with Rosie.



The Boot-Scooting pet!

Have you ever seen your pet scrape their bottoms on the ground? Dragging themselves along by their front legs, while their hind-legs stick up uselessly in the air? While it can appear comical at the time, scooting behaviour can be a sign of several things. Most commonly in dogs, it can indicate full and uncomfortable anal glands, while in cats, it may indicate infection with tapeworms.



In dogs, the anal glands produce a small amount of liquid when your dog defecates, creating a scent marker. They are also the reason that dogs smell each other's bottoms upon greeting. When they become very full, they can cause discomfort and even excessive licking around tail. They will attempt to alleviate the discomfort by scooting. The glands can become infected and even rupture, which can cause excruciating pain!



In cats, while they have anal glands, infections are far less common. Rather, scooting behaviour could indicate the presence of Tapeworms – an intestinal worm that can be picked up from the environment around them, or from eating fleas, rodents and wildlife. If you notice your cat scooting, it may be time to worm your cat, but make sure the worming product you use actually treats the two types of tapeworm, Flea and Hydatid Tapeworms.

So if you notice your pet scooting, by all means have a giggle, then pick up the phone and call the clinic for more advice.

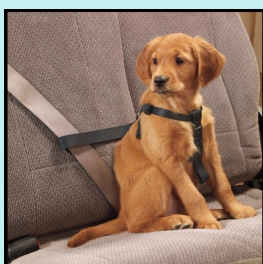
Travelling with your dog

We often get asked about travelling with dogs. Dogs can become car sick or restless so it is important to introduce them to travelling from a young age, and gradually too. Just getting them in and out of the car while it is parked in the driveway is a great way to start. Then work towards short trips as often as possible. They will often become good travellers over time, especially with regular trips to the park or beach!



When travelling there are a few important things to consider.

- Ensure your dog is secured in the car either by a safety harness attached to the seatbelt or behind a cargo barrier. Not only is it dangerous for them to be loose in the car but if you are involved in an accident they can become a dangerous missile. Plus you can get slapped with a fine of up to \$2,500.
- Your dog should not be allowed to travel with its head out the window. Again this can be dangerous if involved in an accident plus they can be injured by flying objects flicked up from the road.
- If they are travelling on the back of a ute or a truck they need to be secured to the vehicle with a harness to ensure they can't fall off or in a crate attached to the vehicle (Dog and Cat Management Act 1995). They should also have protection from the weather. Beware even when secured this is the riskiest place if you were to be involved in an accident.
- Never leave your dog locked in a vehicle. Even on cool, overcast days the temperature inside can get hot quite quickly. Dogs can suffer heat stress within minutes and death can follow shortly after. The person responsible for leaving a dog unattended in a locked car can be fined under the Animal Welfare Act 1985.



If you are in need of a harness for your dog we stock a range of harnesses as well as the attachments to make a normal walking harness into a car safety harness! Feel free to contact the clinic for any further information or to arrange one of our staff to assist with a harness fitting for your dog.