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Welcome...

Welcome to your clinic newsletter for August and September 2013! The year is shooting by so fast, it will be Christmas before we know it! Fortunately, we are not quite there yet...

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your ongoing feedback on our newsletter publications. If you would like to see something featured in the next issue, please contact the clinic directly, or send us an email.

See you soon!



Dental Month is here again!

Dental care is just as important for your pets as it is for you and me. Dental disease in cats and dogs is one of the most common health issues, and can

affect all animals from a young age! Luckily, there are ways to maintain healthy teeth and gums, so during August, we will be offering free dental check ups with our veterinarians. From these checks we can give your pet an up to date oral health score, and advise on any possible complications and cleaning methods that may help you. We will also be offering a FREE 2.25kg or 1.8kg bag of Hills Prescription Diet T/D with any dental scale and polish performed during August.



Look out for the dental display and book your pet in!

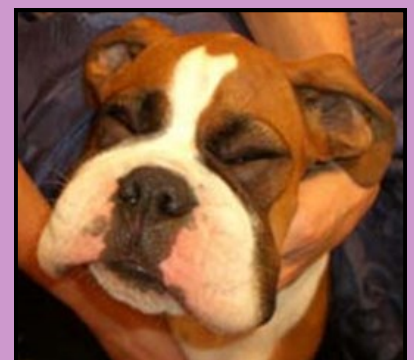
Thankfully, Spring is ALMOST here...

While it seems this cold and miserable weather will never end, Spring is right around the corner. With the arrival of the warmer weather we see many pets getting themselves into mischief and being stung by insects – particularly bees.



While it can result in comical facial swelling (as seen in this picture) you may not realise that animals can suffer from allergic reactions and anaphylactic shock, just like us! If you suspect your pet has been bitten by an insect, then follow these steps to ensure their safety and wellbeing:

- Most often you may not be able to find it, but check if the stinger is still lodged in your pet. If it is, be sure to flick it off with your nail. If you try to grab it, it may result in more toxins being squeezed into the skin and result in a greater reaction.
- If the pet was stung around the face, facial swelling is very common, and may affect the airway. Be sure to call the clinic for further advice.
- If your pet starts vomiting, develops diarrhoea or collapses, seek veterinary advice immediately. This is likely a sign of anaphylactic shock.
- Lethargy and pain around the site of the sting or bite is very common. If you have any questions, please call the clinic for more advice.





Beauie – Between a rock and a hard place...

The cutie to the left is Beauie. He is a seven year old, desexed male Maltese Terrier crossbreed. During his annual vaccination Mum and Dad mentioned he had been urinating more and that there may have been some blood in it a few days ago. After a physical examination, our vet Michael performed a selection of tests which confirmed the presence of blood and crystals in his urine. Beauie was then admitted and an X-ray of his abdomen was performed. The X-ray confirmed the presence of large stones in his bladder, clearly shown in the x-ray pictured below.

There are many different types of bladder stones, and they can form for a number of reasons. In Beauie's case, his stone was made of Calcium Oxalate crystals. The formation of this particular type of stone most often has a hereditary component. Male dogs do seem to be more prone than female, and certain breeds are also more likely to develop stones than others. Some of these breeds include Miniature Schnauzers, Lhasa Apso's and Yorkshire Terriers to name a few. Left unchecked, this condition could have resulted in the complete obstruction of Beauie's bladder, with possibly fatal consequences.

After diagnosis and discussion with Beauie's parents, he returned to the clinic on the following day to undergo surgery to remove the stones from his bladder. After anaesthetizing Beauie, Michael opened up the bladder, removed the stones and placed them in a sterile container. He then flushed the bladder and urethra extensively with sterile fluids to ensure the removal of any microscopic crystals. He also took a sample of the bladder wall which was very inflamed and thickened, likely due to the presence of the stones.

Beauie recovered beautifully, and went home later that afternoon, groggy but walking and wagging his tail. The stones were sent to a laboratory for full chemical analysis.

In the following weeks, Beauie went from strength to strength with his recovery, his appetite returned in full, his surgical site healed and he had no more blood in his urine. Once the laboratory ascertained the type of stone that had formed in Beauie's bladder, he was placed on a special prescription diet to ensure the stones do not reform. He will need to stay on this special diet for life.

Beauie is now happy and well, and has no more urinary problems at all.



Puppy Play-School Graduates

CONGRATULATIONS to our June and July graduates. Pictured right is: (L to R), Jade and Nathan with Willow, Kahyl and Waylan with Ella, Emma, Bailey and Anthony with Bobby and Sophie.



Pictured left is (L to R), The Ashworth's with Cae, The Lagana's with Scarlett, Monique with Tink, Caroline with Arthur and the Davison's with April.



We will have more classes of puppy play-school starting in August and September so don't forget to ring the clinic to register your interest.

