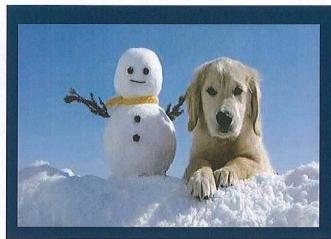


# Small Animal Newsletter Winter 2014



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#### Your Pet's Golden Years

Too often we see elderly pets come in extremely unwell with what turns out to be a condition that has been going on for months. The signs were there but the pet owner simply wasn't aware of them. This highlights the need for six monthly health checks or annually at least. Vets can pick up problems that you are unaware of, and control or slow down progression of the disease to give your furry friend a longer happier life.

Signs to look out for:

- \* Weight Loss, especially if appetite is increased or the sam
- \* Drinking more
- \* Eating more or less
- \* Sleeping more
- \* Vomiting on-going
- \* Rough coat
- \*Unusual behavior especially obsessive

#### **Arthritis in Pets**

Learning the signs of arthritis in cats and dogs is the first step to recognizing the problem, and helping your pet stay comfortable as they age.

If your pet seems to have any of the following symptoms for more than two weeks, they need to see a veterinarian for a check up / arthritis evaluation, which will involve a physical examination and possibly x-rays, and treatment options:

- \* Limping
- \* Difficulty rising from a rest position
- \* Reluctant to walk
- \* Decreased activity and less interest to play
- \* Hesitancy to jump, run or climb stairs
- \* Weight gain
- \* Excessive licking of the affected joint.
- \* Change in attitude or behavior



#### Micro-chipping

The decision whether to microchip your cat or dog is an easy one!

You should microchip your cat/dog as soon as possible, and you'll rest easier knowing that if anything happens to them, you'll have a better chance of recovering them.

You'll never regret doing it; but if your cat/dog gets lost, you'll always regret that you didn't.

The council require you to have your dog micro-chipped, and provide them with the dog's microchip details. However this information is only held on the council database, (and the clinic the implant was carried out). For a one off registration fee of \$15 your pet's details can be held on the NZ Companion Animal register for life.





www.animalregister.co.nz

### 1 in 3 pets will get lost..



without ID, 90% won't return home

\$35\*
Micro-chipping
20 JUNE to 31 JULY
ONLY

\*Appointment Necessary, Companion Animals Only. NZ Companion Animal Register Additional \$15

### **Repeat Prescriptions**

Patients on regular medication may obtain repeat prescriptions (under certain circumstances), without requiring a vet consultation each time.

We are happy to accept repeat prescription requests over the telephone, but we do require a minimum of 24 hours notice for your medication to be dispensed.



## Winter Pet Poisons – Call Immediately

Each Winter, our vets see many pets that have fallen victims to accidental poisoning.

The three most common substances involved in accidental poisonings are rat bait, slug bait and antifreeze.

If you suspect your pet may have ingested any of these poisons, please contact us immediately – the earlier the treatment the better the outcome for you and your pet.

24 HOURS EMERGENCY VET SERVICE Ph 307 0686 or Ph 302 8125



