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Christmas Cheer and Farewell to Sam and Dani



On Friday 6th Dec we will farewell our lovely small animal Vet, Sam Allott in Pahiatua, and our Nurse, Danielle Horsley in Dannevirke.

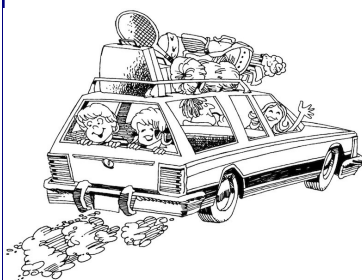
Come and join us **from 3pm—5pm** to say our goodbyes and enjoy some Christmas Cheer.

We wish you both well in you new ventures.



Holiday Vaccination Reminders—Suzie Weston

Before going away this summer, make sure you spare a thought for your pets. If they are going into boarding kennels make sure you find out their vaccination requirements. You will need to provide an up to date vaccination book at the time of admission.



Routine vaccinations should be done at least two weeks before your pet goes into the kennels. If your pet

has never been vaccinated before, they may need to have a booster shot four weeks later. We also

recommend dogs have a kennel cough vaccination as well as their routine vaccinations. This vaccine needs to be done at least three days before going into boarding kennels. Contact the clinic if you have any questions regarding vaccination requirements or to book your pet in.



Christmas Hours

Mon 23 8am-5pm
Tue 24 8am-5pm
Wed 25 CLOSED
Thur 26 CLOSED
Fri 27 8am-5pm
Sat 28 10am-12pm Dvk
CLOSED Pah



New Year Hours

Mon 30 8am-5pm
Tue 31 8am-5pm
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Thur 2 CLOSED
Fri 3 8am-5pm
Sat 28 10am-12pm Dvk
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Fleas, fleas and more fleas —Danielle Horsley



Yes that's right, its that time of year again. Flea time.

With the weather warming up the flea population is also heating up. Often pets only get treated once we see fleas on our animals, however once a single flea is seen your pet has a flea problem. The flea population is made up of 50% eggs, 30% Larvae, 15% Pupae and only 5% adult fleas, so 1 flea can be the tip of the iceberg.

Here's some freaky flea facts for you

- A female flea can lay around 2000 eggs in her lifetime- that means 30-40eggs a day!
- A female flea eats 15 times her own body weight in blood each day- that's the same as as eating a whole cow each day.
- Adult fleas can bite our pets 400 times a day!
- It takes 7 seconds for a flea to hatch from a cocoon and start biting our pets.
- In under 30 days, 10 female fleas can multiply to over 1/4million in different stages of the life cycle.



With that in mind it is very important to treat all pets in our lives at the first sign of a flea problem. There are many different products on the market that treat fleas but it is also best to use a veterinary grade product as it ensures not only adults fleas are being killed but it kills the eggs in the environment.

If there is an environmental problem it is best protocol to treat all the pets in your house, vacuum all areas of your house and clean all bedding in hot water. Do this daily for around 4 weeks and your on your way to a flea free house!



It takes time to get rid of fleas if there is a problem but its definitely worth it. You and your pet will have a much happier summer!

TVS & New World Pet Photo COMPETITION WINNERS

Our photo competition was a great success. We had some excellent photos which created a lot of interest. Below are our Dannevirke Winners. Sorry Pahiatua, I didn't get yours on file.



Congratulations to our winners and thank you to New World for judging and your generous gift baskets.



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Christmas Food Do's and Don'ts

Holiday Hazards for your pet—Suzie Weson

The summer holidays can provide pets with many opportunities to eat something bad for them. Here are some potential hazards:

- **Corn Cobs:** dogs eat cobs which become stuck inside the small intestines and need to be surgically removed. Make sure corn cobs are disposed of so your pet can not get them.
- **Onions:** Raw and cooked onions can cause a life threatening anaemia to your pet.
- **Grape/raisins:** Can cause a life threatening acute renal failure.
- **Chocolate:** The darker the chocolate, the more toxic it is. Make sure you put chocolate out of reach of your pets.
- **Ribbons:** Cats love to play with ribbons. However, some will also eat them which later become lodged in the small intestine or at the back of the tongue which will need surgery to be removed.



If you suspect that your pet has eaten any of the above, contact the clinic as soon as possible.

Pancreatitis—Hester Jackson-Scott

With summer time barbeques and Christmas rolling around, it's not surprising that our pets and working dogs sometimes get a few treats or scraps thrown their way. Unfortunately, in some animals these unexpected fatty meals can trigger a serious and potentially life threatening condition.

Pancreatitis occurs when the pancreas, which provides our digestive enzymes, becomes inflamed. This causes the enzymes to leak out and cause further damage to the pancreas and surrounding organs.

Signs for owners to look for are vomiting, abdominal pain (often seen as "praying" when the animal bows down on it's front legs to stretch it's belly and ease the pain) and sometimes diarrhoea. They are likely to go completely off their food.

Dogs which are most likely to get pancreatitis are small breed, middle aged, often overweight animals. A fatty meal which they are not used to, can act as a trigger for pancreatitis to develop, so it is best to avoid feeding more than very small amounts of fatty treats.

Pancreatitis can be a very severe disease requiring hospitalisation, so if you are concerned that your dog may be showing symptoms, please don't hesitate to give us a call.



Heatstroke —Sam Allott

After a warm spring we are expecting a very hot summer which is exciting for some but we can't forget about the effects this may have on our dogs. Heat Stroke, also known as hyperthermia, is a common condition in dogs and it pays to know the symptoms of this potentially fatal condition.

Heat stroke can occur if your dogs body temperature increases above normal. When a dogs body temperature elevates above 40°C, they will show the following symptoms and veterinary attention is required immediately.

Dogs that are overweight and brachycephalic (short nosed) dogs such as pugs, bulldogs and boxers are predisposed to developing heat stroke. Working dogs are commonly seen after collapsing during work on a hot day.

The symptoms of heat stroke include

- **Increased and excessive panting**
- **Dark red and/or dry gums**
- **Lethargy and unwillingness to move**
- **Wobbly on their legs**
- **Collapse/loss of consciousness**
- **They feel hot**

On the way to the vets you can help by offering your dog water and wrapping them in a wet towel. Never use ice cold water as this can cause more problems when they are cooled down too rapidly.

Once at the vets they will need to be placed on an IV fluid line and will likely need to be hospitalized for a couple of days. When a dogs body temperature is very high, this can damage organs in their body and it is common for them to develop diarrhea, sepsis and kidney failure.

To prevent heat stroke

- **Never leave your dog in the car on a hot day**
- **Avoid exercising/working your dog in the middle of a hot day. Try to exercise them either early in the morning or early evening**
- **Always have fresh water and shade available**



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