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The friendly team with over 50 years of veterinary experience wish everyone

Happy New Year!



Fascinating Facts about your cat!

Cats are amazing creatures but did you know this? There are some cats who have survived falls from over 32 stories which is an incredible 320 meters, and landing onto concrete! How on earth could they do that? Apparently it is because of their righting reflex. The eyes and balance organs in the inner ear tell the cat where it is in space so the cat can land on their feet! Even cats without tails have this reflex. Their flexibility is amazing - a cats back is extremely flexible because it has up to 53 loosely fitting vertebrae while humans only have 34. No wonder the flexible cat is said to have nine lives!



BENTLEIGH
VETERINARY CLINIC
for healthier + happier pets

Welcome to our February Newsletter. *A Special Announcement:*

The Bentleigh Vet Clinic Team would like to announce the retirement of Dr Mark Mackie from Bentleigh Vet Clinic (formerly Mackie Family Pet Health Centre). Mark has spent over 22 years looking after your family pets and has felt it a privilege to be your vet. He has been a valued member of the Bentleigh Vet Team and will be missed. Mark is looking forward to future travel plans and spending more time with his family. We wish him all the best in retirement.


Dr Mark Mackie



Dr David Stasiuk



Summer Hazards for pets.

Ticks and fleas love the heat and become almost impossible to avoid, with prevention easier than treatment. Then there is heartworm which is spread by the bite of the mosquito. These parasites can live inside the lung and the chambers of a pet's heart and feed on the surrounding blood. There are preventative measures available to ensure your pet doesn't suffer this nasty parasite. Even the garden is not without risk for a pet. Some plants such as rhododendrons, azaleas, lilies and other bushes or flowers can be toxic to pets. When you are working in the garden, be aware of gardening products such as slug and snail baits. Ingestion can be fatal even with just a small amount eaten. Of course rat or mouse poisons should be stored well away. If you are working with electric cords, small puppies may chew the cord and get electrocuted. Young pets will try anything so you have to think for them. Keep them safe, check out the list of plants and foods online that may harm them, and keep the shed or cupboards where chemicals, pills and poisons are kept firmly locked.

Our information packed website for healthier + happier pets is :
<https://www.bentleighvet.com.au/>

PET DENTAL CARE.



A lot can be said these days about keeping your pets teeth healthy. Dental disease causes foul breath (halitosis) and considerable pain. Bad teeth can also be a cause of infection which can make your pet seriously ill. It pays to brush your pets teeth using a soft brush only, and do it on a daily basis. Use a special pet toothpaste – not the human variety. You can also get some 'toys' that are designed for pets to chew and enjoy, and at the same time they clean the teeth. If your pet has bad breath, or seems in pain when they eat, bring them in for an inspection – we can help keep your pets teeth healthy.

Surgery Costs Covered. On large cost items, we can offer interest free repayments over a 12-month timeframe. The payments can take the sting out of an unexpected surgery or health treatment. Another way to have peace of mind is to get pet insurance which covers many health care items. Low monthly costs help you spread the care for your pet.

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IF YOU ARE CONSIDERING GETTING A NEW PET, PLEASE THINK ABOUT THIS OPTION!

At this time of the year there are many pets both young and old who need a forever home. Rather than putting your name down for a puppy with a breeder, maybe you could consider visiting the Pet Shelters and Animal Welfare League to see what pets they are caring for. These places are bulging at the seams at this time of year, and they offer a wide range of pets from young to more mature, and they know the health and nature of each creature. They will also talk to you about what you want in a pet. Some people prefer a quieter, more settled animal, others love the active, inquisitive youngster who seems to get into everything.

A pet is a lifetime commitment and getting the right natured pet to suit your family is important. How cool is it to know that you have saved a life and given a forever home to a deserving animal. We like to raise the awareness of the urgent need for homes for many unfortunate cats and dogs who have ended up in these caring but packed institutions. Often it is just bad luck that they end up there, such as an owner who has gotten sick and cannot look after their pet anymore. Maybe they have been rescued from being abandoned. But these animals deserve a good home and loving family.

If you can help out, by giving a pet or two a new loving home, then you are a legend! Your new pet will love you for your generosity.

Please check out our regularly updated information.



Facebook page – it is and covers a wealth

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

DOG RESTRAINT BENEFITS.

There is much in favour for restraining your dog in a car. With a restraint, your pet will not be tempted to jump out the window nor will they be at risk of falling out should you break or swerve suddenly. Drivers are less distracted and can concentrate on the road if the pet is restricted to a seat. And if you have a collision or sudden impact, there is less chance of a pet becoming a projectile.

These benefits are all too real, with many dogs becoming roadside statistics due to the lack of security. The law surrounding pet restraints varies from state to state, but common sense dictates that it is well worth the practice to keep you and your pets safe on the roads.

Laugh of the day

Q. What do you get when you a dog makes you breakfast?

A. You get pooched eggs!

Q. Where do pet hamsters come from?

A. Hamsterdam!