

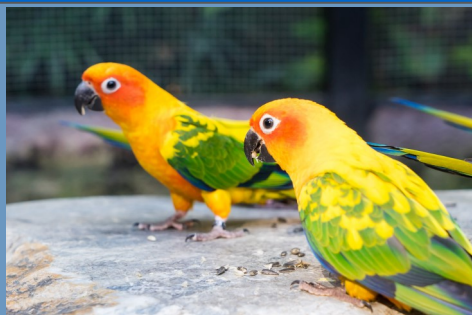
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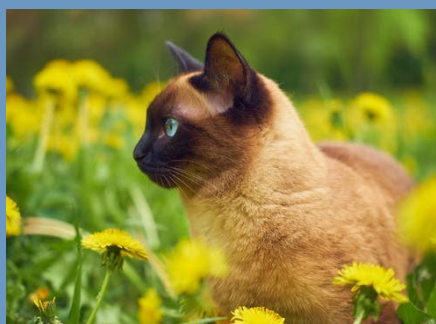
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VETERINARY CLINIC
for healthier + happier pets



Our clinic has grown so that we are able to look after all types of pets. Cats, dogs, birds, rabbits, guinea pigs, and all other pocket pets—we love them all. Do you have a new pet? Call in as we love meeting new members of your pet family. If you have any questions, or just want us to check your pets teeth, we are here to help. Did you know that the Bentleigh Veterinary Clinic is in a partnership with the **Cheltenham Cat Rescue** which rehabilitates and rehomes cats and kittens of all ages? Can you help this charity or would you like to become a foster care giver? [CLICK HERE](#) for more info



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Welcome to our July 2021 Newsletter

As winter settles in and the wind, rain and in some parts of Australia, the snow, sets in remember that pets too can feel the chill despite their fur coats. Many a pet will appreciate an extra blanket or two, and perhaps a heating pad that will make the winter chills disappear. Your pet will be drawn to any heaters that you have on, but just make sure they aren't sitting too close as they may doze off and wake up with serious burns. Nutrition is the name of the game in winter diets. You want your pets to enjoy solid nutrition but don't overdo treats or they may pile on the weight. And keep up with exercise over the cold months. We are all tempted to stay inside where its warm, but come spring, the excess weight becomes a burden to shed, both for pets and owners alike! There are so many pet 'clothing' options, that no pet needs to freeze. Dress them up warmly then go for an invigorating walk—and enjoy winter! Make the most of every cold chilly day.

Rabbits and the Calicivirus. This disease is highly infectious and sadly doesn't have a cure. Prevention is therefore an essential aspect in the management of this condition. This swift acting disease starts with depression and loss of appetite, followed rapidly by a fever, seizures, and coma, leading to their demise within 12—36 hours of the symptoms. An annual vaccination will protect your rabbit from this horrible virus. Other steps you can take include quarantining a new rabbit from others for at least 5 days, provide regular flea treatment to reduce the chance of infection spread from parasites, and keep your rabbits separated from other rabbits that are not within your family. Rabbit calicivirus is also known as viral haemorrhagic disease. The virus is shed through the urine, faeces, and respiratory secretions and is often spread between rabbits by carriers such as fleas, flies, mosquitoes and other rabbits. Talk to us about getting your rabbit vaccinated—prevention is the only option.

A Touch of Humour.

Why do dogs love smartphones? Because they have collar ID's.

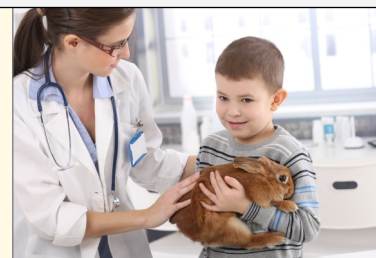
Why do cats hate laptops? They don't have a mouse.

What do you call a dog who can't bark? A Hushpuppy.

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A Fractured Femur (hind leg)

These kind of injuries are the most common fracture of the bone seen in dogs or cats. They are often caused by a major trauma such as being hit by a car. The animal is usually unable to use the limb, and the bone may even be exposed through the skin. It depends on the extent of the injury, as to the treatment of the wound. A thorough physical examination is important. Based on the results, additional tests may be recommended. Depending on the fracture type, pins, pins and wires, bone plates and screws, plus external fixators to prevent movement can be used to help your dog or cat heal. X-rays will also be required. As the animal recovers, painkiller medication will be required, and it takes time to heal from such a traumatic experience. All of these things cost money.

Costs can run into the thousands (\$5000 plus) which can be another stressful item the owner has to wear. [Pet insurance](#) is designed for these type of major injuries. We hope that you will never have to use it, but if the worse happens, you will be pleased you had the foresight to get accident and injury pet insurance to cover the cost. Please talk to us about if you would like more detail. There are many options you can choose, and we can help you with your choice. It may take weeks for your pet to recover but with our help, it will be as painless as we can make it.

Ear irritations can drive a pet nuts. There is often discharge from the ear, a smelly odour, and there may be debris in the ears. Your pet will often shake their heads, and paw at their ears. Ear infections can be itchy or painful for your pet. Left alone, an ear infection can cause serious damage. If you try to clean the ear yourself, be very gentle and don't go too far into the ear. If the ear is too painful and your pet gets upset when you try to clean it, please bring them into us. Sometimes an ear infection can be related to a skin allergy. But an ear infection should never be ignored.



All Pets Need Mental Stimulation.

When a pet is bored, they often get into trouble. They wreck the new roll of toilet paper and spread the tissue throughout the house. Potted plants become a target to either toss off the table (usually a cat trick) or 'repot' the plant leaving dirt in a pile on your carpet. Every pet needs an outlet for their energy and if there is nothing on offer, they will invent games for themselves. Shoes will be chewed, dogs become incessant barkers, net curtains destroyed, and if your pet finds the medications left in their reach, it could result in serious consequences as they scoff them down. Training is an ideal way to tire out those energetic pets. Chewy toys, tennis balls, sturdy ropes, and food dispensing toys all help. Hide some items for your pet to seek and find. Make up an indoor or outdoor obstacle course to challenge your pet. Obedience training for cats and dogs will be worth it although cats are notorious for only doing what benefits them so have some tasty treats on hand. A walk for an energetic dog in the morning and at night will help wear off that tiresome energy from your pet. Even rabbits and birds appreciate a game or two. It helps their mental clarity and happiness.

Did you know that owning a pet can positively impact on your health? The benefits of having a pet include lower blood pressure, feeling less stressed plus pet owner are more outgoing!



Small Pet Checkcare List.

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| Wash & dry food containers | Offer a variety of food |
| Empty, rinse & refill water containers | Social hour—snuggle & play time |
| Offer fresh hay, food, and water | Check toys for breakages |
| Spot clean the enclosure | Monitor general well-being |
| Freshen bedding for your pet | Deep cleaning their pen— weekly |
| Spot clean the enclosure | Provide new toys to prevent boredom |
| Appropriate grooming. | Administer daily supplements |