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The friendly team with over
50 years of veterinary
experience

We have interest free repayments over a 12 month period which is available to all clients to help spread the costs of treatments and surgery for your pet. Taking the stress away and promoting good health for all pets.

Ticks, Fleas and other Spring nasties!

Of Course warmer weather is not only good for us and our pets, but it is the time the parasites crawl out of their winter hibernation and start to look for a host (your pet) to set up a home on. In this case, prevention is far easier to manage than treatment once the nasties have taken over. Prevention is more economical than letting a condition develop and worsen before getting treatment. These pests conceal themselves well, which is why a regular check up with us will help unearth them!



BENTLEIGH
VETERINARY CLINIC
for healthier + happier pets

Welcome to our **OCTOBER 2018** Newsletter.

Longer, warmer days are now becoming more noticeable as Spring settles in. The gardens are flourishing with Daffodils, Jonquils, Snow drops and many more spring beauties popping their heads out of the ground. However, Spring comes with a warning. Beware for your pets, especially curious youngsters as many flowers and plants are highly toxic to animals. If you want these flowers, plant them in pots and put them up high, out of reach from your pet. Lillies are another flower that is highly toxic to cats, it can be fatal for them. If you suspect your pet has been poisoned, call us immediately, as the longer you leave it, the worse it will be!



Prevent boredom in pets. It may surprise you to know that pets can get bored, and often it is when they are left at home alone. This situation can result in mischievous behaviour, with your cat or dog rearranging your lounge, restuffing your cushions, or – for a cat- climbing up your curtains just for something to do. A little bit of planning can go a long way to alleviating boredom. A climbing pole up to a resting place is ideal for a cat. Whereas a dog will love one of those new balls that moves by itself! A food dispensing toy that can take your pet ages to get all the treats out will keep them busy, or a selection of toys to play with will help. Speaking of toys, it is a good idea to rotate toys for your pets. Always have a few stashed away to bring out for times where they need variety. When you put out two to three new toys, take away the same amount, clean them up and then hide for another day. Take a dog for a long walk before you go out for a while, while a cat needs a good game of chase the feathers or wind up a toy mouse and let it go. Tire them out first, then leave them with a treat and they may rest until you get home!

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

Did you realise we can do X-rays and Ultrasound at our clinic? These tools enable our veterinary specialist to diagnose problems quickly and provide your pet with the best possible care. While some tests such as some blood tests do require to be sent away to the lab, we can offer you a quick return and will explain in plain language the results, and discuss the treatment.

DIET is important for pets. We have a wide range of healthy food and treats for your pet, all at economical prices and we offer some great weekly discounts. Call in to view the range and discuss what is best for your pet.



OVERWEIGHT PETS

A disturbing trend is the rise of obesity in our pets. A sedentary lifestyle combined with larger meals or inappropriate food has led to our furry friends expanding girth. With weight gain comes a whole host of health problems from heart disease, cancers and more. Diet and exercise are the tools to fight this epidemic. But ease into it, don't expect Rover to win a marathon on the first day out running. Come in for a health assessment of your pet and some dietary advice that will suit your pet. Get your pet moving, make them work for treats (yes – even your cat).

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Meet Dr Felicity Smither- one of our dedicated team!

Felicity is a graduate from Melbourne University and started her veterinary career in a small practice in south east Melbourne. While an avid believer in all pet care and health, she has developed a special passion for cat and dog medicine. She comes to Bentleigh after completing a residency in Small Animal Medicine at the Melbourne Veterinary Specialist Centre, and during this time passed her membership exams to become a member of the Australian and New Zealand College of Veterinary Science in Small Animal Medicine. Felicity is the author of several published research papers. She is also skilled in Feline medicine, and in ultrasound for both cats and dogs. Another project is her current study of Behaviour Medicine of cats and dogs through the University of Sydney Centre for Veterinary Education. This obvious dedication and commitment to her career means she is a great asset to Bentleigh Veterinary Clinic. If your cat or dog have any behavioural concerns, then Felicity may be able to help you.

On top of her veterinary commitments Felicity leads a busy family life with husband Toby and two lovely daughters. Their dogs – Duke (a Staffy) and Rocco (a Schnoodle) complete the picture and keep them all entertained. They also have a stick insect pet, called 'Stick man' to complete the picture.



Please check out our Facebook page – it is regularly updated and covers a wealth of information.

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

News in brief!

Pet insurance is the surest way to prevent financial stress and to alleviate costs when it comes to pet health. You get premium pet health care at reasonably monthly cost. Be pro-active and make a plan. Join our pet insurance today - we are happy for you to call in and discuss the option that suits you best.

Bring your pet in for an ear check. Grass seeds in spring can cause ear problems as they get trapped deep in the ear and need gentle removal. Bacteria and yeasts often cause infection. If your cat or dog has inflamed ears, shake their head often, or the ear is smelly, bring your pet into us – we can find the cause and provide a solution.

Laugh of the day.

One day a lady took a dingo to the veterinarian. The doctor looked at the dingo and shook his head. "I'm sorry your dingo is dead" said the doctor. "How could you be so sure" the lady said. So the man left the room and come back with a Labrador Retriever. It stood up on its hind legs and sniffed the dingo and shook its head. The doctor left the room again and come back with a cat. The cat also sniffed the dingo and shook its head. The doctor said that the dingo was 100% dead.

With the lady still in shock, the doctor handed her the bill. "\$400, why \$400 she asked?". The doctor replied "If you had've believed me first it would have been \$60". "But why" the lady insists. To which the doctor says "Because you had a lab report and a cat scan!"