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The friendly team with over  
50 years of veterinary  
experience



### SIGNS OF A HEALTHY PET!

Good health is essential to a pet's happiness. Here are the signs of health you should look for. If you have any concerns, please contact us.

A bright, alert responsive demeanour. Moves easily without lameness

Eats and drinks normally plus urinates and defecates normally

A clean, glossy coat in good condition free from parasites and skin disease

Ears that are without smell and discharges. Clear bright eyes without weeping or redness

No sneezing or abnormal discharge from the nose.

No vomiting. Normal breathing without coughing.



**BENTLEIGH**  
VETERINARY CLINIC  
for healthier + happier pets

## Welcome to our **AUGUST 2019** Newsletter.

With just one month left of winter, it is time to think ahead to spring. This is the time where the parasites like fleas and ticks wake up and are on the prowl for a host animal to feed off. Don't let that host be your beloved pet. Dose up during this last month of winter so that their protection is in place for the change of seasons. See [our page here](#) for more information on preventative health. Check your pets' weight and adjust their diet if they have put a bit of weight on during the cold months. Perhaps increase their exercise to get them prepared for the spring where the pace of life picks up and fitness is essential. If your dog or cat is suffering from a touch of arthritis in their joints and they are showing signs of pain, bring them into us as we can prescribe something to ease their pain and get them moving again.



**IS YOUR PET SUFFERING FROM ARTHRITIS ?** Dogs more than cats tend to suffer Arthritis. The most common type of arthritis in pets is osteoarthritis which is known as degenerative joint disease (DJD) which is characterised by progressive, long-term and permanent deterioration of the cartilage that surrounds the joints. It can be just part of the aging process or may be brought on by injury and trauma to their bodies. Signs of arthritis in your pet includes limping and difficulty in moving, such as getting in or out of a car. Spinal issues may give your pet a hunchback posture. Many pets with arthritis can become irritable if handled in a way that increases their pain. Muscle atrophy is another symptom – muscles on one leg may be thinner than muscles on the other leg. Licking, chewing or biting at specific areas of their body in an effort to ease their discomfort can cause inflamed skin and hair loss in that area. So how do we alleviate this condition? Physical therapy is a must for the arthritic pet. Certain exercises can increase the joint flexibility and strength. A [balanced diet is essential](#) as excess weight can only compound their problems. If you suspect your pet is suffering from arthritis, please [book in](#) for a health check. We can suggest ways to help you can manage your pet's condition and alleviate their pain.

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

**Salt Lamp Alert!** Some pet owners have warned of pets who are attracted to these lamps and become addicted to licking the salt. Too much salt is very toxic to animals and they can suffer from weakness, vomiting, diarrhea, lethargy, tremors, coma and even death. Keep these lamps out of reach of your pets and if you suspect that they may have been licking the lamps, bring them into us so we can assess their situation and offer solution to get them healthy and happy again.

## Pet Health Care Plans



At Bentleigh Veterinary Clinic we provide an optimum preventative healthcare regime for your pets. With over \$240 worth of bonuses, free home delivery for flea and worm protection, and all at affordable monthly payments that takes the shock out of pet health care. We offer member rewards and a choice of plans. Go to our website page [here to review your options](#). It is as easy as 1-2-3 ... you can even fill out the form online and save yourself time.

### COMFORT FOR ELDERLY PETS

Senior pets benefit from extra love and attention. Here are a few of our ideas.

Provide soft, elevated bedding. Feed them with a high quality nutrition designed for seniors.

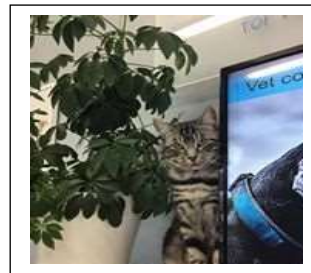
Use low impact exercise to keep them flexible. Let them sleep inside where its warm and dry. Manage their temperature by providing a jacket in winter.

Make toilet arrangements easy to get to and use. Give them lots of attention and be gentle with them.

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### MEET HUCKLEBERRY – OUR CONCIERGE CAT!

Many of you will have met Huckleberry when you have paid the Bentleigh Veterinary Clinic a visit. This handsome cat has assumed the role of Concierge and loves to meet and greet our clients and offer affection when needed. Like most cats, he thinks he is the boss, and to be honest, it sometimes feels that way too! Huckleberry likes to meet people and other pets although he realises that some pets are a bit stressed, so he has become an expert at judging whether to offer a friendly paw and purr or to keep out of the way and let the visiting animals have their space. He loves distracting the staff and will fill an empty lap with speed akin to lightening. Having a resident cat around has given the clinic a breath of fresh air. Handsome and approachable, Huckleberry has us all right where he wants us ... right under his fluffy paw!



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

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### AUGUST DENTAL HEALTH OFFER.

Dental problems are prevalent and we are finding that giving your dog or cat a bone to chew is just not enough. Dental disease can creep into the gums of otherwise healthy animals, and slowly cause dental decay and gum disease which can contribute to life threatening conditions such as kidney and heart disease. Check out our pet supplies and food that we have in stock –please [click here](#). Some options for dental health include a special dry diet, raw bones, regular brushing and a dental scale and polish under an anaesthetic. Come to us for the best possible advice regarding dental care and dietary needs.

**BENTLEIGH'S AUGUST SPECIAL** is for **\$100 OFF EVERY DENTAL PROCEDURE DURING THE MONTH**. This offers incredible value to pet owners, and we hope it will encourage you to bring your pet into the clinic for a dental check. We encourage regular check ups to avoid advanced disease which can take some curing. Preventative care is always the better option. See our webpage on [dental care here](#) then book your pet in for a visit, you may even get to meet our Huckleberry!



Courtesy of CrazyHyena.com

### SMELLY EARS ARE A PROBLEM.

A smelly ear is the sign of infection either from parasites or a foreign object that is lodged within the ear. Infection starts and only spreads in the warm and moist conditions within the ear. The smell can be quite strong and is a sure sign that all is not well. As the ear is very delicate, don't try probing it yourself and risk harming your pets hearing. Bring your cat or dog into us where we can gently remove the offending object(s) and treat if need be with antibacterial or other medications.