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The friendly team with  
over  
50 years of veterinary  
experience



### Five Benefits of Owning a Dog

Dogs are great companions and are a familiar reassuring presence.

They provide a calming effect and prevent depression and anxiety.

They will keep you active as they love to play and go for walks.

Your social life may improve also as you meet like minded people while out with your dog.

A longer life which is created by the health benefits from owning a dog.

### An Outdoor Sanctuary for Your Cat

Sometimes allowing a cat outside just isn't practical.

An outdoor run attached to your home can be the answer.

Providing your cat with the safety it needs, but it allows them to enjoy the breeze and the view. Some can even have access to the indoors so the cat can come and go as they please. Worth a thought?



Welcome to our November 2019 Newsletter.

November is Senior Pet Awareness month. Aging can gradually creep up on our beloved pets, and their needs can change. A health check can help isolate any health issues and we can provide any help they may need. See below for more information.

We have noticed that the dry humid conditions and high winds are affecting the way our wildlife behave. Many animals are moving outside their normal habitat to try and find water and fresh grazing. This often brings them to the runoffs alongside our roadways and as a result there are more animal injuries and fatalities than normal. Please check out our webpage that provides information on handling injured wildlife. The thing to remember is only assist if it is safe for you to do so. Otherwise contact one of the authorities listed on our webpage. [Click here](#) to access our webpage that has valuable information about this situation.



### Senior Pet Awareness Month – SPECIAL OFFER FOR NOV.

Due to advances in veterinary care and medications and an awareness of the need for **good dietary requirements**, our pets are now living a lot longer now than they ever have before. As our pets age, they may develop special needs and requirements to enable them to enjoy a quality of life despite their age. Many animals slow down as they get older which is often due to joint, weight, or disease that may affect them. Bentleigh Veterinary Clinic supports senior pets by offering Senior Pet Consultations for a generous 49% discount, amounting to only \$159 (RRP \$310) per visit. This includes an extended consultation, blood test, urine testing, blood pressure, and nail trims. Give us a call on 03 9557 9500 to take advantage of the limited appointments available for November only. Help us to help your senior pet enjoy their golden years in comfort and without pain.

Our information packed website for healthier + happier pets is;

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

### Time for a laugh!

Where did the cat go when it lost its tail? A; It went to the retail store!

What do you call a dinosaur with an extensive vocabulary? A: A thesaurus

There were 10 cats in a boat, and one jumped out. How many were left?  
A: None, because they were all copycats!

## PERILOUS PARASITES



Parasites are a fact of life for the pet owner. Animals are susceptible to Internal parasites such as heartworms, roundworms, and tapeworms. External parasites include the tick and fleas, both who can strip the quality from a pet's life. We are your best resource for diagnosis, treatment, and prevention. Routine checks keep your pet healthy, and preventative measures can be put into place. If your pet becomes listless or scratches excessively, seems down and depressed and perhaps is off their food, they need to be checked for internal and external parasites. Consider getting a [health plan](#) for your fur baby as they include parasite management at a very low cost. Here is the link to our website where the health plans are explained. Parasites can go from just a pest to causing major health problems in a relatively short time, so action is required to save a lot of heartache and cost in later months.



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## DENTISTRY WITHOUT ANESTHESIA – IS IT POSSIBLE?

While we would all like to avoid anesthesia if possible, but to try to treat an animal's teeth without it can be potentially harmful for your pet. The instruments used to clear crevices between the teeth, or to probe areas of the gum where the dental disease is lurking can often result in pain or injury if the animals suddenly moves. When teeth are scraped to remove plaque, scratch marks are left on the teeth and the teeth need to be polished to smooth these out to prevent plaque making a hasty returned to an unpolished rough surface. Sadly, our pets don't react well to the vibration or sound of the polishing. X-rays are impossible to take on an awake animal because how do you stop them from moving around with a piece of x-ray film correctly placed in their mouth? Without anesthesia, there is more stress placed on the animal and injury will be the result. [Our dentistry consultation](#) avoids the need for your pet to endure the arduous procedures that could cause them anxiety and fear. Therefore, we conclude that it is kinder on your pet to use anesthesia.



Please check out our Facebook page and webpage for a wealth of information.

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

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### Puppies Need to Learn Manners.

Puppies are such cute little bundles of joy, but they can nip, jump, bark and even bite so it is up to you to teach your pup how to behave! It does take patience so keep calm, make the lessons short, and give plenty of positive rewards for good effort. Once your puppy is at the 10 week mark, you can increase the training and teach them socialising skills by take them out for walks, and join them up with at a puppy school where experienced trainers can show you how to handle an excited little puppy. We have Puppy School Classes every Tuesday night. **Call 03 9557 9500** for more information. Another good tip is to say your puppies name repeatedly during enjoyable experiences such as when you are petting them. Make sure all family members call your pup by the same name to avoid confusion. Whatever you are teaching, remember that repetition is the key. You need to keep repeating a lesson until the little one 'gets it'. A puppy wants to please, but they can be slow learners, so always be patient and positive with them.



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**TED talk – The Pet & Person Bond Video**  
**The Power of a Pet – [click here](#) to watch**  
**Narrated by Rustin Moore - Visionary Veterinary**

The bond between pets and people is a powerful force. Experts have a name for this connection - it is called Zooeyia, the human-animal bond. Pets are loyal, devoted, and truly caring creatures. The benefits to children, elderly, and to families are beyond measure. Interaction between the pets and people is vital for health and wellbeing. This video is and is only 13 -14 minutes long so take a moment and [watch](#) this informative video.