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Our core values:

- The well-being of you and your pets
- To provide high quality medicine and surgery
- Honest and reliable vet care
- Continually updating our knowledge and services
- Striving to build a long term partnership with you and your pets

Our facilities and services include:

- Routine veterinary consultations, vaccinations and microchipping.
- Small Animal surgical facilities; elective & specialised.
- In-house diagnostics; pathology, ultrasonography, digital radiology.
- Quarantine
- Pet food and other pet supplies

Welcome to Ultimate Vet Clinics Autumn edition newsletter

We are very excited to say that each season we will be able to email you all the latest clinic news, special offers, upcoming events, and any clinic promotions and discounts.

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Ultimate Vet welcomes any suggestions or ideas of things you would like to see in our newsletters. If you have anything to share, drop us a line at info@ultimatevet.com.au and we'll see what we can do for you.

We appreciate your feedback



EASTER TIME AGAIN



At this time of year we notice the supermarkets stocking the shelves with chocolate eggs and hot cross buns so we know that Easter is fast approaching. We all love sharing this time with friends and family and so do our pets. They love having family over for a BBQ and following the kids around the yard on an Easter egg hunt. However both of these activities can end in a trip to the vet with a very sick pet.

We've all heard the saying 'chocolate isn't good for dogs', but the question is, why? Chocolate contains a toxin called Theobromine which acts as a stimulant on the nervous system. After ingesting a toxic dose of chocolate, your dog may show signs including restlessness, vomiting, diarrhoea and hyperactive behaviour. However this can progress to muscle tremors, disorientation, seizures and even death. Generally the darker the chocolate, the higher the theobromine content. So dark, bitter chocolate and cooking chocolate are the most toxic. Chocolate is also toxic to cats, however they tend not to be as adventurous with food as dogs. If your dog or cat has eaten chocolate then contact the clinic as soon as possible.

Over the Easter period dogs are often brought into the hospital with signs including vomiting, diarrhoea, decreased appetite, lethargy and stomach pains. A physical exam and a few blood tests often reveal pancreatitis. Pancreatitis is a term used to describe inflammation of the pancreas. The most common cause of this painful problem is ingesting a large fatty meal such as sausages or burgers off the barbeque. Once a dog has had a stay in hospital with pancreatitis they generally need to stay on a low fat diet for the rest of their lives as they are prone to having it again. So no more fatty bones or treats for Rover.

We all love a warm hot cross bun during the Easter break but we need to think twice before sharing them with our pets. Hot cross buns usually contain sultanas or raisins, both of which can be toxic to our furry friends. Grapes and all their dehydrated forms (raisins, currents and sultanas) have the ability to cause kidney failure in some pets so best to avoid feeding them. Also watch out for hot cross buns that contain chocolate chips!

So this Easter make sure the chocolates and hot cross buns are locked away in a safe place, right out of reach of your pets. Grab a little bag of pet safe treats and let them enjoy a healthy Easter with you and your family.



Latest News:

Congratulations to Dr Julie on the arrival of your baby girl, Lucy.
She was 2 weeks early weighing 6.3pounds.
She is adorable!



Fun Facts and Competition

Top 10 Dog Breeds

Ultimate Vet clinic sees a wide variety of breeds from your Great Danes to your Teacup Yorkshire terriers.

Recent Survey show that the top 10 breeds are:

1. Staffordshire Bull Terriers
2. Labrador retrievers
3. German Shepherds
4. Cavalier King Charles
5. Golden Retrievers
6. Border collies
7. American Staffy
8. Poodle
9. Pug
10. Rottweiler

Top 5 Dog Names

Boys:

- 1.Charlie
- 2.Max
- 3.Buddy
- 4.Oscar
- 5.Jack

Girls:

- Bella
- Molly
- Ruby
- Coco
- Lucy

If you have one of these top 10 breeds or names take a photo and send your details in to info@ultimatevet.com.au and you could WIN 10% off your next consultation!

Start Emailing.....

Did You know:

1. Goldfish lose their colour if kept in dim light. Similar to humans, they need sunlight to keep their pigment.
2. The giraffe has no vocal cords and communicates by vibrating the air around its neck.
3. A snail can sleep for 3 years at a stretch.
4. All polar bears are left-handed.
5. A rat can last longer without water than a camel.



Latest news:

Also we would like to wish Jessie all the best for the arrival of their little bundle of joy. Good luck Jess

We will keep you all updated when he or she arrives.

NEXT MONTH:

To All our valued Clients,

We wish you all a very happy and safe Easter break.

Enjoy

From Bob and the team and Ultimate



Please come to our Puppy Classes

(and please bring your owner with you)

Help improve your pets behavioural problems through *puppy socialisation*.

Socialise your pet today and make him a great pet and lifelong companion!

Puppy classes focus greatly on socialisation. Having your puppy learn how to play and interact with other dogs is an essential part of your puppy's early development

Each puppy class runs for 4 weeks, covering subjects like nutrition, vaccinations, worming, toilet training and basic obedience and behaviours.

New classes will begin on: 11th March, 8th April, 6th May, Each class is run on Tuesday nights from 6-7pm

Call us now and speak to Monica to secure your spot! Places are strictly limited.

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DON'T FORGET TO



Enjoy your Easter break but
remember **NO** chocolate for us
Woof!