



Ultimate Veterinary Clinic Newsletter

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LATEST NEWS



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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 SPRING 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



Heartworm: There has been 28 reported cases in Victoria!

What you need to know

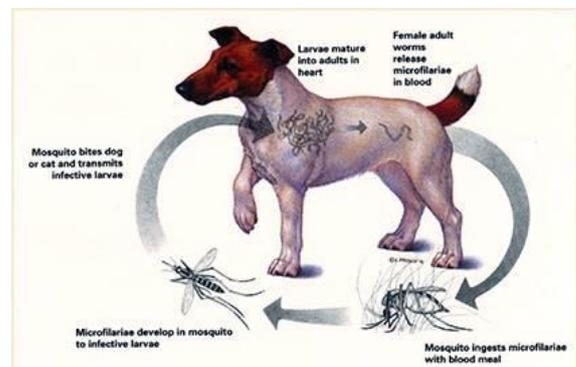
The results are in - heartworm isn't going away. The 2013 Heartworm Surveillance Project has collected heartworm data from around Australia and the most recent results show that heartworm is still infecting dogs across the country.

Over the past few months several positive heartworm cases have been reported - and some cases have been identified in a region near you. There has been 28 cases reported in Victoria

Why is heartworm not going away in Australia?

Veterinary scientists have identified many environmental conditions where heartworm-carrying mosquitoes (vectors) tend to thrive:

- Increased temperature, and high humidity
- Extreme rainfall events
- Natural disasters like floods and storms
- Expanding urban areas
- Increasing pet population
- Wild dogs and foxes spreading deadly heartworm



What can I do to prevent deadly heartworm in my dog?

As a pet owner, it is important to stay informed about the risk of heartworm in your area. Talk to your vet about heartworm and get your dog tested.

A quick and easy blood test can detect heartworm infection and will help identify the best course of treatment for your dog.

Above all, the best thing you can do is to ensure your dog is protected all year-round with safe, effective heartworm prevention.

At Ultimate vet clinic we care about the health of your dog, so make an appointment today to talk to us about year-round heartworm prevention.



**Ultimate Weight Loss Challenge is now here.....
Call us today to find out how you can help your pet!**

Our challengers on our program are all doing really well and seeing results!

We are excited to announce a new weight loss food that has just arrived called

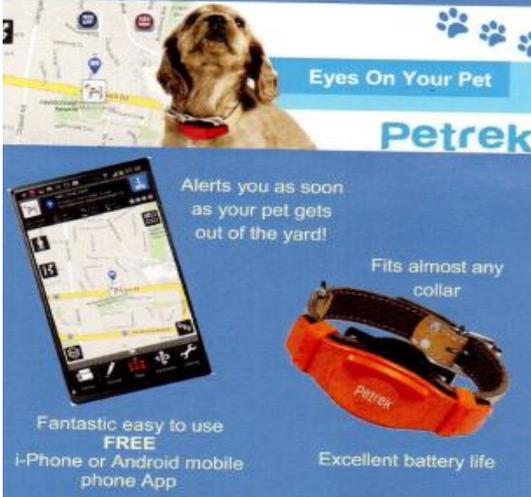
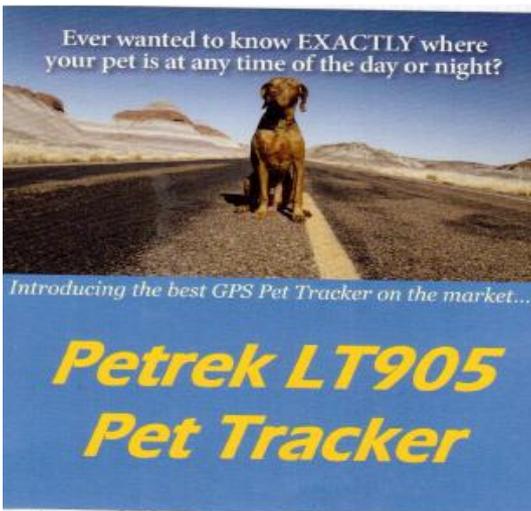
Hills Metabolic!

If you wish to know more contact the clinic



Excessive body fat has detrimental effects on a pet's health and longevity. Diseases associated with or exacerbated by obesity include:

- Heart disease
- Osteoarthritis
- Joint disease and problems such as cruciate ligament disease
- Diabetes mellitus
- High blood pressure
- Skin & coat problems
- Breathing problems
- Pancreatitis



NEW!
This new product can keep track of your pet 24/7 and will alert you if your pet has left your property.
For more details check out their Website.



RAT BAIT AND SNAIL BAIT POISONING

As the weather gets warmer and we spend more time in the garden with our pets, its good to keep in mind some of the poisons we use in the garden can potentially harm our furry friends.

Rat bait is something that we commonly have lying around in our garden sheds or garages that can be fatal if ingested by dogs and cats. Most rat baits poison rats by interfering with blood clotting. If ingested by our pets it can cause the same potentially fatal problem. If the blood clotting process is interrupted it can cause internal bleeding or uncontrolled bleeding from wounds which can lead to death or severe anaemia. Once ingested, most rat baits can last 4-6 weeks in our pet's system, meaning that by the time we see the clinical signs it can be a month or more after it was eaten! This is why it is so important to bring your pet into the clinic to see a Vet as soon as you notice that he or she has eaten rat bait. Even if you're not completely sure it's been eaten, getting a check up is a good idea. If noticed within hours of eating then the vet may induce vomiting to get as much of the poison out of your pet as possible. The good news is that we have an antidote that can be given if your pet gets rat bait poisoning. This antidote should be given daily for 4-6 weeks. To make sure your pet is safely able to clot their blood, we do a simple clotting test 2 days after the antidote tablets finish. It is very important to keep rat bait well away from where your pets are, keep garden sheds locked and if you do put rat bait out, do daily checks for dead rats.

Snail Bait is very different to rat Bait poisoning

Metaldehyde, a common active ingredient in slug and snail poison, is readily available in multiple forms: pellets, liquids, pelleted baits, wettable powders, and granules.. When snail or slug bait is accidentally ingested by dogs, it can result in severe, rapid clinical signs, including agitation, vomiting, tremors, seizures, and secondary, severe hyperthermia (up to temperatures of 108°F/42.2°C). Secondary organ failure can result without immediate treatment. Without treatment, metaldehyde poisoning in dogs can be deadly.

There is no 'antidote' to reverse metaldehyde toxicity. The best thing we can do for affected pets at this stage is to minimise further drug absorption and suppress the clinical signs of toxicity until they wear off. If ingested within an hour it is sometimes possible to induce vomiting to remove as much of the ingested snail bait from the stomach as possible. In cases where clinical signs have started it is often preferable to anaesthetise the patient and have the stomach pumped. After this, activated charcoal is administered to limit further absorption of metaldehyde from the small intestine. Muscle relaxants are often given to control tremors. In patients that fail to respond to muscle relaxants, or that have seizures, it is again often necessary to anaesthetise them.

There are many factors that will influence the prognosis if your pet ingests snail bait. These include how much was ingested, how quickly appropriate treatment is initiated and individual patient health. If ever you are suspicious that your pet has ingested snail bait you must seek

veterinary treatment as soon as possible. Don't wait, or it may be too late!

If you think your dog ate snail bait or rat bait, call your veterinarian immediately for life-saving treatment advice.



**Latest news:**

Welcome to Michelle our new Puppy School trainer!

Michelle is a qualified dog trainer who has a passion for obedience and training your four legged friend and companion. Michelle is excited to be part of our puppy school program here at ultimate vet clinic and looks forward to meeting all your puppies.

Dr Julie Ward has returned from Maternity Leave!

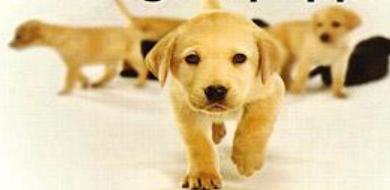
Welcome back Julie we have all missed you.

THIS MONTH:

Sept: Wishing Julie a very happy birthday

NEXT MONTH:

Oct: Wishing Natalie a very happy birthday

**Calling all puppies**

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: 4th September, 2nd October, 30th October and 28th November. Each class is run on Thursday nights from 6-7pm

Call us now and speak to our friendly staff to secure your spot! Places are strictly limited.

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