



Ultimate Veterinary Clinic Newsletter

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Spring time



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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 & orthopedics.
- In-house diagnostics; pathology, ultrasonography, digital radiology.
- Quarantine
- Pet food and other pet supplies

Welcome to Ultimate Vet Clinics Winter 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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 info@ultimatevet.com.au and we'll see what we can do for you.

We appreciate your feedback



Insect bites

After a cold blistery winter, spring has finally arrived! Along with the sunshine, the flowers in our gardens are starting to bloom, bringing with it lots of bees, wasps and other insects that are on the lookout for pollen.

Spring is the time when we see the most bee stings and other insect bites. Puppies and kittens are most at risk as they are generally very curious and haven't yet learnt the associated dangers. Your pets can react in a variety of ways to being stung. Most will show a mild pain response with swelling, but a few can have a life threatening anaphylactic reaction.

If your pet is stung by an insect, it may show signs of:

- Crying, running in circles, increased salivation in mild cases
- Swelling of the area, scratching, and excessive licking in moderate cases
- Swelling of the face, throat, vomiting, collapse, breathing difficulty.

If your dog is stung by an insect, remain calm and try to locate the stinger, remove it by scraping the skin with a credit card or thick card board. Do not try to pick or pull out the stinger as it can increase the amount of venom injected in your dog. Severe allergic reactions can become life threatening so seek veterinary care as soon as possible. There is no antidote to insect stings, but your veterinarian can assess your pet and administer medications to treat the pain and swelling.

In order to prevent stings it's a good idea to check your garden for any insect nests and have it removed by pest control.





Allergies in dogs and cats

Our pets also suffer from hay fever-like symptoms and commonly have allergies to grass and pollens.

Even if you have quite a neat and trim garden, the allergens (small proteins that initiate the allergic reaction) can be blown into your garden or house in the wind.

Often these allergens settle on the ground so even a short toilet break outside can cause your furry friend to become itchy. Rather than seeing a red puffy face, your cat or dog is likely to have itchy paws, a red itchy belly and red ears. We sometimes see weepy eyes and pimples along the chin as well. Interestingly, food allergies in pets can manifest as skin problems, so our vets can also talk to you about a food trial if necessary.

If your pet is itchy or irritated anywhere along their body despite flea treatments and bathing, we can do a skin test at the clinic to determine the cause of the problem. We are able to identify pollen, bacteria, yeast and mites with our microscope so we'd be able to rule out common nasties quite quickly and easily.

Unfortunately our pets don't tell us the problem until it gets quite bad and in most cases, the itching itself has caused the skin's barrier to break and allow sneaky bacteria and yeast to crawl into the skin. This sets up a cycle of itch and we need to get onto it straight away as your pet now has an infection on top of the allergy! Poor thing!

Luckily most skin infections are easily overcome with a course of antibiotics. There are a number of medications in our animal dispensary to control the allergies as well. The key here is that if we control the itch, we can control infections. Controlling the itch also means our pet is happy and able to go about their daily business without having to stop and itch all the time!

Come in and speak to our vets about an allergy plan tailored especially for your pet's needs.





IT'S A BOY!

Congratulations to Kylie, Steve & Abbey on the safe arrival of their beautiful baby boy Declan.

Born on Wednesday 17th June at 2.93kg & 52cm.





Introducing our new clinic mascot

BENTLEY!!

Bentley is a 14 week old French Bulldog. He comes to work with Dr Bob most days so next time your in just ask the girls out the front if you can meet him!

