



Ultimate Veterinary Clinic Newsletter

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Summer 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 SUMMER 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



Just One Bite from an infected mosquito can cause Heartworm in your pet!



Heartworm: There has now been 34 reported cases in Victoria! What you need to know

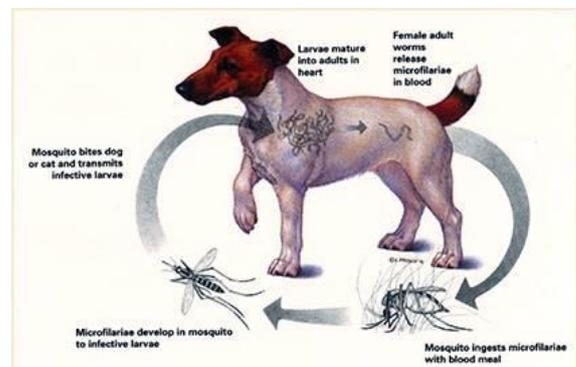
The results are in - heartworm isn't going away. The 2013 Heartworm Surveillance Project has collected heartworm data from around Australia and the most recent results show that heartworm is still infecting dogs across the country.

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 34 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.



HEAT STRESS

We all love summer and enjoy spending time in the sunshine with our pets. However a day of fun in the sun can end in disaster for our furry friends. Hyperthermia or heat stroke can be life threatening and can occur very quickly during the summer months. Dogs are especially susceptible to heat stroke. Unlike people who can sweat to regulate their body temperature, dogs pant in an attempt to lose excess body heat. The most common causes of heat stroke are:

- when an animal is left outdoors on a hot/humid day with inadequate shade and/or water
- when an animal is exercised in hot/humid conditions
- when an animal is left in a car, even on a relatively cool day

Pets that are most at risk of heat stroke are very young or old pets, those that are overweight, unwell or overexerted. We commonly see heat stroke in dogs with shorter noses such as Pugs and Bulldogs (just like Wilbur). Breeds with squashed noses (also called brachycephalics) have a reduced ability to lose heat via panting and therefore can overheat very quickly.

In the early stages of heat stroke your pet may become restless, pant excessively and appear distressed. As hyperthermia progresses they may drool excessively, become unsteady on their feet and their breathing may become quite noisy. Other signs include lethargy, disorientation, vomiting and bright red/purple or blue tongue and gums. Finally hyperthermia can cause collapse, seizures and death.

So be careful with your fur kids this summer! Avoid walking during the hottest part of the day, supply ice cubes and extra water on hot days and never ever leave your pet in car. If you think your pet may be suffering from heat stroke then call the clinic immediately.

FUN FACT:

-Dogs have 1,700 taste buds. Humans have 9000 and cats have around 473.

-Three dogs survived the sinking of the Titanic – a Newfoundland, a Pomeranian, and a Pekingese .

-Dog's nose prints are as unique as a human's finger prints and can be used to accurately identify them .



To All Our Valued and Loyal Customer,

**We would like to wish you all a Very Merry Xmas
and a happy and healthy New Year!**

**Thank you for all your support and we look
forward to caring for your 2, 3 and 4 legged
friends in 2015!**

**From Bob, Sandra and all the team at Ultimate
Vet**

Best dressed pet Competition!

Send a photo to our facebook page of
your pet in something
xmasie and you could
Be the lucky winner!





Latest news:

A BIG Congratulation to Kelly who just got engaged! (Finally after 7 years)
Also exciting news and Congratulations to Kylie expecting number 2!

THIS MONTH:

December:

Cassie– Wishing You a very happy birthday!
Monica– Wishing you also a very happy birthday!

NEXT MONTH:

January:

Sandra– Happy Birthday, hope you have a fantastic day and bob spoils you like you deserve!



**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: January next year. 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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