

Welcome to the 5th TLC Petcare Pet Talk Newsletter

Welcome all,

The TLC Petcare (Pet Talk) newsletter has now reached its **1ST Birthday**. Yes, it was launched in October last year. Wow, how time has flown.

The Pet Talk newsletter now is seen in the Orange district, with areas like Blayney and Molong district having regular subscriptions. We value the regular features from Debbie Coleman “The Dog Lady”, Lara’s Shear n shed, and Shane Whitey from Pets at peace.

We are glad to bring you Latest news in pet’s toys, Upcoming Events in the district for people to attend, and interesting pet facts that you may not have known.

Over the next couple of months the temperatures will rise and we as pet owners need to be aware of some issues that may arise. We have a great article in this issue called spring means fleas and ticks -as well as information on heat stress and tips on cooling your pet this summer.

Until next time

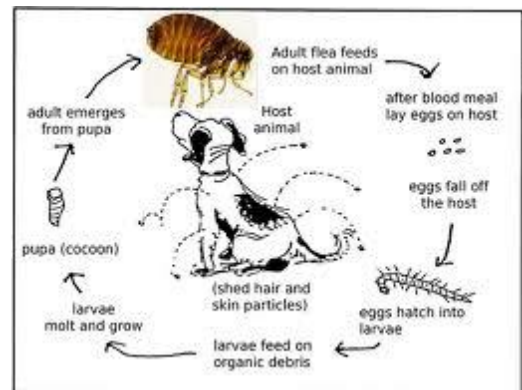
Virginia Faucett

Spring means Fleas and Ticks! Don't let them Take a Bite Out of You!!



Protecting your pet from fleas is an important part in keeping them healthy and happy. Fleas are the most common external parasite found on dogs and cats. (source: petsandparasites.org) and Spring is a prime time for them to reap havoc on you, your pet and your home.

They cause your pet to feel uncomfortable and can carry other illnesses or tapeworms. If left untreated, a few fleas on your pet can quickly lead to a full-blown infestation in your home. Prevention is easy! There are a number of different types of treatments to suit.



Coming Events.....

October

RSPCA Awareness Week, 1-8 Oct

Pet Expo 2010, Melbourne Exhibition & Conference centre (7-9 Oct)

Happy Tails Day, RSPCA NSW (fri 8 Oct)

Pet Industry Forum (Pet expo) Melbourne Exhibition & Conference (8 Oct 9.45 am)

Australian National Field days, Borenore (19-21 Oct) enquires Office 63621588

HEAT STRESS

Heat stress can be fatal!

Our pets have different metabolisms to us and can't reduce their body heat through perspiration – they can only get rid of a certain amount of heat by panting.

Animals with heat stroke seem to become excited and will experience loss of balance and seizures and heart failure is common.

As a rule of thumb, if it is hot enough outside for you to perspire outside even after only a mild exertion, it's too hot to leave your dog alone in the car even with the windows down.

If you drive a hatchback or other car with lots of glass or a dark coloured car, the risk is even higher. It only takes a few minutes of high temperatures inside the car to kill your dog.

When jogging with your favourite friend, do so in the cooler hours – in the early morning or late afternoon. Break regularly to give him water and stop and rest if your dog is struggling.

If tethering animals such as dogs, goats or horses, ensure they have adequate shade, as they are just as much at risk on a farm as in a back garden. Consider providing more than one water bowl in case it gets knocked over leaving the animal thirsty – ensure the bowl too is kept in the shade.

Aviaries, birdcages and kennels should all be in the shade, ideally with insulated roofing as well.

Please remember that just like us, animals need water on a regular basis to stay alive

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Keeping your Dog Cool this Summer

As the temperatures rise and the pavement seems to be too hot to stand on, we all head off to the nearest waterhole or dam. Spare a thought for how your pooch is feeling!!! We can cool off inside with air conditioners, but your dog is sweltering in 40-plus degrees outside.

During summer there are many problems which arise because of the hot weather. Parasites are more prevalent and heatstroke and trying to keep cool could also create an issue.

Backyards

If your dog is left outside for extended periods you really need to consider how your backyard is affected by heat. Look in the yard and assess the area. What time does the yard get into full sun? Are there plenty of shady areas? Is the water bowl in the full sun?

Make sure your backyard has plenty of shady spots, lots of water and cool places to lie. Avoid using steel drinking bowls as they can heat up, instead use terracotta bowls- they are great and keep the water cooler. Place ice blocks in the water bowl to keep the water level up and the water cool. Have more than one water bowl in shaded areas. Another idea is to freeze an ice cream container full of water – then your dog can enjoy a giant icy pole during the day.

If you find your dog digging holes in the fresh soil – don't panic! It your dog trying to find a cool spot to relax.

Exercise

Remember to adjust down the exercise routine in summer. If you go for a walk with your dog, don't go in the middle of the day when the sun is at its hottest.

Slip, slop, slap!

If you have a dog with pink skin (Pigmentation), be aware they can develop Skin cancers. Any unprotected areas like the belly, ears and the nose will need doggy sunscreen applied. These can be purchased from most pet stores. Apply sunscreen once or twice a day. You can even go a step further and purchase Doggy Hats, sunglasses and more.



Pet Facts

Pet Fact #1

Studies have shown that people who own a pet live longer, have less stress and have fewer heart attacks

Pet Fact #2

Australia's first dog show took place in Hobart, Tasmania in 1862. With 91 dogs of a least 17 breeds.

Cat Fact #1

A fifteen year cat has probably spent ten years of its life sleeping.

Cat Fact #2

Cats have a third eyelid that is rarely visable. If it can be seen, it could be an indication of ill health.

Coming up in Next Newsletter:

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- The Importance of Microchipping your animals
- Pets for the Elderly (Debra Coleman article)
- Upcoming events (Summer Street Vet Clinic)
- Animal Jokes
- Word Puzzle

“At TLC Petcare our aim is to provide a caring, friendly and efficient service by treating all animals as if they were family. We pride ourselves on giving you and your pet the personal attention that you deserve.”

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