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Pawprints Newsletter Spring 2013

In our Spring edition of "Pawprints" newsletter, read about:

Broadline the new treatment for fleas, ticks & tapeworm for cats from Merial

Kawakawa and Paihia Clinic Update farewells and welcomes

Vaccinations for summer holidays; Free Microchip Checks

Mighty Mouse - the springer spaniel who survived a metal spike impaling

Desexing – take action to desex your pet now, and let your friends and neighbours know about the 50% subsidy offered by the Humane Society of New Zealand.

Spring Promotions – the latest food and flea treatment promotions



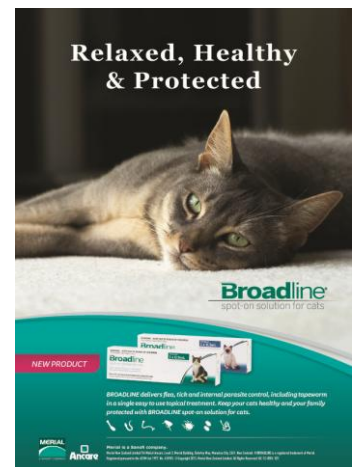
The New Flea Treatment for Cats We've All Been Waiting for...

Broadline – unlike any other on the market, is the first easy-to-use topical solution for cats that kills both roundworms and tapeworms. Plus **Broadline** delivers flea control, breaking the flea life cycle at every stage. The unique combination of actives provides a broad spectrum of protection, delivering the most comprehensive parasite control on the market for cats. In summary, **Broadline**:

- combats fleas and ticks
- combats several species of worms including the most common, tapeworm
- is easy to administer; no need to pill your cat!

Remember These Top Tips When Treating for Fleas

- Treat all pets all year round
- Have a good system to remind yourself when the next treatment is due
- Remember that you may still see fleas – they get poisoned after they jump on to your pet
- Do not wash dogs for 48 hours before or after flea treatment
- Remove collars for 12 hours if possible, as some collars could absorb some of the treatment
- Talk to your staff at Bay of Islands Vets if you are having difficulty with flea control – we are here to help ☺



Kawakawa Clinic Update

Over the last 7.5 years we have benefited from the excellent customer service provided by Kate Moroney in our Kawakawa Clinic. Kate will be taking parental leave in October. During her parental leave the clinic will be run by Tammy Sweetapple and Anna Lowe. Tammy is one of our existing support staff, mainly based in the Kerikeri clinic, who is a Qualified Vet Nurse and also has a lot of dairy farm experience. Anna joins us having lived and worked on sheep, beef and dairy farms for most of her life. Anna is currently studying Vet Nursing through the International Career Institute in Australia.

Paihia Clinic Update

In Paihia, Michelle Cumber joined us on a voluntary basis 8.5 years ago and has become a main stay in the clinic alongside Linda and Geraldine ever since. However, Michelle and her partner have moved to Auckland to pursue other work opportunities. As Michelle's replacement we welcomed Cara Mellars who has come North to be with family and who has over 16 years experience in Veterinary Clinics. Geraldine our resident Vet in Paihia returns to clinic duties in October after 3 months leave, which has included a Veterinary Dentistry Conference in the USA, furthering her expert dentistry skills.

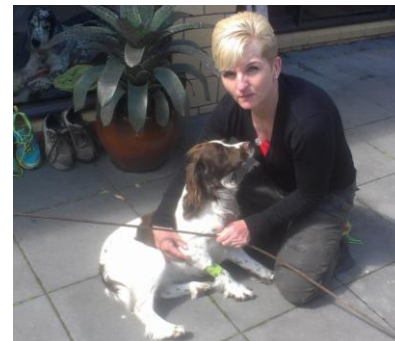
Summer Holidays Are Not Far Away

Remember all pets going into summer care need to have their vaccinations up to date – for dogs Kennel Cough is required annually and cats need their annual booster for Feline enteritis and snuffles. Most vaccinations need to be given at least 2 weeks before they are effective. We recommend Annual Health Checks even for the years when vaccination is not required. Pets age 6 years for every 1 human year so the health check helps pick up any problems early.

Free Microchip Rechecks - Earlier this year you may have received a letter from us to say your microchip may not be working. Please be sure to bring your pet in for a free check as to date we have made about 95 replacements. Microchips are easy to check and there is no charge if a replacement is needed.

Mighty Mouse

On Tuesday 17th September we went to an emergency call from Cathy Davidson. Cathy's Springer Spaniel, Mouse, was impaled on a strong metal spike in a ditch near Watea. Shirley downed tools for this emergency and took Vet nurse, Cally, and her fully equipped vehicle to the scene. They found Cathy keeping Mouse still and calm while Dougal the other spaniel was extremely concerned. The stake had penetrated Mouse's lower neck and was protruding from her shoulder. Mouse allowed them to remove her from the spike and calmly travelled back to our clinic with Shirley and Cally, even taking an interest in traffic on the way. Amazingly, no vital parts had been injured by the spike! After staying for the day on fluids and pain relief to ensure she didn't go into shock or develop any problems, Mouse went home. She is doing well on antibiotics and anti inflammatories, and Cathy is recovering well from another of Mouse's adventures. What a brave dog and owner!!



Desexing Your Pet & Humane Society 50% Subsidy

Spring is a time when reproduction gets into full gear and of course, 3-6 months later, there is an over abundance of kittens & puppies. The sad fact is there simply aren't enough homes to go round. There are many benefits for desexing, for example in cats:

- Desexing reduces the number of cat fights resulting in less abscesses and Feline Aids.
- Tom cats will stay home more & be less likely to get into strife i.e. being hit on the road.
- You will have less urine spraying around your house and less caterwauling at night.



In female dogs:

- Desexed females don't attract male dogs (and the ensuing dog fights)
- They are at less risk of developing mammary gland tumours
- They won't have false pregnancies and
- They won't develop potentially life threatening uterine infections.



In male dogs:

- Your dog will be less likely to develop disease of the prostate or tumours of the testes.
- His desire to roam will be reduced which makes life a lot safer for him.
- His level of dominance based aggression to other male dogs will be less.
- He will urine mark his territory less - yay for the parsley!

What does desexing involve for your dog or cat?

It is a day stay surgery performed under general anaesthetic with pain relief. It is a more complicated surgery to desex a female than a male. We will ensure that the best quality of surgery and medical care are given to your pet.

Desexing Subsidy

Desexing procedures are already heavily discounted by Veterinary Surgeons as a way of contributing to animal health in our communities. In addition, the Humane Society of NZ can contribute 50% of the cost of desexing your pet if you are experiencing financial difficulty. Some of our clients have found it helpful to build up a credit with us to pay for future desexing procedures. Example costs [without the subsidy] are: to spay a female dog <15kg is \$240; and to castrate a male cat would be \$83. Contact any of the staff in our clinics for more details.

Current Promotions

For the latest in store savings and giveaways, visit our promotions page at: <http://www.bayvets.co.nz/Promotions.html>

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