



CROWN STREET NEWS

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Fleas Around The Home

Many of our clients have been phoning in asking about advice on controlling fleas in the home. With the warm wet weather recently the flea population has exploded. With so many fleas out there our spot on flea products are working overtime. A guide as to whether flea products are working or not, is to take a close look at the fleas on your pet. If you are seeing black small fleas, then these have just landed on your pet and their time on this earth is coming to an end. If you see brown fleas on your pet, then these fleas have fed and the flea product may not be working as well as it should be.

The reasons for this are varied and include, washing your dog frequently in between flea product applications, or not using the correct dose. It is very important to get accurate weights of your animals to apply the proper amount of product. It is also very important to treat all animals in the household. To control fleas in the house use appropriate flea bombs and read the instructions carefully. Also restrict your pet access to underneath the house as this area provides a perfect environment for fleas to breed. It is also helpful to have a chat to your local pest control company about spraying fleas.

Our website has been updated. If you would like to receive your newsletter as an e-mail please visit www.crownvet.com.au and follow the prompts.

“Maggie” the Magpie

Having wildlife in our suburbs is one of life's pleasures. However our native animals can come to harms way. “Maggie” the magpie was brought to our hospital by WIRES suffering from a broken right wing. Dr Kevin Calleja assessed her wounds and radiographed her wing, revealing a fractured ulna. The decision to apply a bone pin was made, and “Maggie” was prepped for surgery. A small pin was placed within the fractured bone and a bandage was then placed over the wing to provide some protection. “Maggie” recovered well and was sent to WIRES for rehabilitation. Several weeks later, “Maggie's”

wing was radiographed again showing a perfectly healed fracture. “Maggie” was again prepped for surgery and the pin was removed with minimal fuss. “Maggie” was then sent for rehab with WIRES before her eventual release some 7 weeks after she was first presented. The staff here at Crown Street feel strongly about helping wildlife and their importance to the community. Wildlife consultations and treatment are done free of charge. If you come across injured wildlife please call WIRES first on 42855360, so they can recommend the best course of action.

Thomas' Tails

Hello readers. I hope Christmas was kind to you all. My exciting news has been the kick start of my TV career after appearing on WIN TV. Several offers are already in the pipeline to take Thomas' Tails national so I will keep you posted on further developments. After all with just 3 newsletter articles I have made it to page 1 of Crown Street News. Often my canine friends will ask me where they are able to run off lead in our local area. There are five off leash areas designated by Wollongong Council. Figtree Park, Riley Park in Unanderra, King George V Park in Port Kembla, Coniston Beach and Bellambi Point are these areas.



treats but they are not so good for our furry friends. Chocolate can be potentially fatal to dogs and cats and

should be kept well out of reach. I remember Harold the Golden Labrador, who climbed up 3 pantry shelves to get to his family's stash of Easter eggs. Harold was in Hospital for several days with a major belly ache. Fortunately most of the chocolate was removed before it could do any damage and Harold learnt that Easter eggs are not so good after all.

Easter is fast approaching and that means Easter eggs. Now Easter eggs are tasty

Wish you all a happy Easter Meow for now.

Latte the Tough Guinea Pig

Latte's New Year was not one she had hoped for. A rushed trip to Crown Street vets revealed a fracture in her tibia and fibula (shin bone) of her right hind leg, after she had caught her leg in her cage. A supportive cast was carefully placed on her leg, which allowed the fracture to mend. At first Latte found the cast diffi-

cult to cope with, but with time she was able to manage and seemed to walk around her enclosure reasonably well. Several weeks have now passed and Latte's leg is as good as new. Dr Kevin Calleja who treated Latte said the she was a very co-operative patient and is happy that Latte can move around easily again.

Spend \$70 or more in one transaction and go in to the draw to win a monthly prize during April, May and June 2006.

April Prize: Senseo Coffee Maker

May Prize: 5 DVD Box Set (Romantic Comedies)

June Prize: Rob Thomas CD (Double CD)

Opening Hours: Monday–Friday 8.00am–7pm, Saturdays 8.00am–6.00pm, Sunday's & most Public Holidays 9.00am–1.00pm

We KNOW HOW MUCH YOU CARE...SO WE SET OUR STANDARDS VERY HIGH

We know your pet is very important to you: A companion and a friend, your pet is a member of the family and like any family member your pet deserves the best possible health care.

For your convenience our services include: extended hours, appointments to minimize waiting time, boarding of cats, dogs, birds and bunnies and much more.

QUALITY CARE MEANS:

Your pet will be seen by an experienced veterinarian who regularly attends seminars to ensure that they can offer the most effective and up to date treatment.

Nursing Care is a vital part of maintaining a high quality veterinary hospital. The care your pet receives will be enhanced by our skilled veterinary nurses. In addition to practical experience, the training of our nurses includes the veterinary nursing certificate and diploma, with further training courses in specific areas such as anesthetics and dentistry.

Accurate record keeping is essential for prompt and accurate diagnosis and is an important guide for future veterinary care. The hospital is fully computerized using the latest technology so your pet's records can be quickly accessed.

Complete diagnostic services are available with modern equipment to assist in the thorough examination of your pet. In consultation with you, other diagnostic tests can be carried out to assist accurate diagnosis and appropriate treatment. These investigations may include: x-rays, blood and urine tests, ECG's, and biopsies. If you wish,

your pet can be referred to specialists who visit our hospital regularly. Specialists are also available in Sydney at the University or in private practice.

Proper anesthetic procedures are carried out to ensure that surgery is as safe as possible for your pet. Your pet is thoroughly examined before being given any anesthetic. We recommend blood tests before an anesthetic to check liver, kidney and blood clotting function. At time of surgery, analgesic (pain relieving) injections are given to help control pain. The safest and most up to date methods are used during surgery, including the use of gaseous anesthesia and monitoring equipment. We have a dedicated (separate) operating theatre for all our sterile procedures.

A well stocked pharmacy ensures that medications are available when your pet needs them. If your pet is on long term medication, regular checks are required to monitor dose rates and development of side effects. A phone call in advance ensures that you don't have to wait for your pet's medication to be dispensed.

Dental Care is often overlooked by pet owners. A healthy mouth is important for a healthy pet. We have all the latest dental equipment for cleaning and tooth extractions.

Comfort for your pet is important. Well drained cages, soft bedding and premium quality food is used during your pet's stay. Our hospital is fully air-conditioned for their comfort.

An **emergency service** ensures that care is always readily available. We provide a 24 hour emergency service

seven days a week all year round.

Ask us about **Puppy Preschool classes**. Remember.....80% of behaviour problems in dogs develop when they are puppies.

Home visits are available on weekdays around 12pm–2pm for those who find it difficult to bring their pet to the hospital.

You can save more time if you make an appointment. Appointments are essential to help minimize the time you are waiting. Emergencies, of course, are always given priority and no appointment is necessary.

The health of your pet is a primary concern for us. We stock an extensive range of premium dog and cat foods. These foods are highly digestible resulting in less waste and in more healthy and happy pets. We have many other quality products from flea and tick preparations to collars and leads at very competitive prices. Many of these products are not available in supermarkets or pet shops.

We accept cash, Bankcard, Visa, MasterCard and Eftpos.

Aged pensioners, disabled pensioners and senior card holders will receive a 10% discount on most services on presentation of their card when payment is made at the time of treatment.

If you are worried about the cost, please discuss this with our staff before treatment commences. Unfortunately we are unable to give accounts but we can give you an estimate of the cost involved. As you will understand each case is individual with some variation in the length of surgical procedures, medication required, hospitalisation etc.

Staff Pets

Our pet profile for March Newsletter is on "Ziggy" a 4 month old Staffordshire Bull Terrier, who belongs to Alison, one of our vet nurses. Ziggy was born at our hospital by caesarean. Alison and her daughter Courtney helped with the delivery, so he has been very special to them from the day he was born. Ziggy is very spoiled by Alison's two children. He has

many toys to play with but his favorite toy is a soft squeaky triangle.

His favorite past times include, sleeping, sleeping and more sleeping! He also likes to go to the park and school to see everybody, especially the children. He also likes to go play with his friend "Tia" owned by Alison's sister.



The Staff at Crown Street Veterinary Hospital would like to wish all our clients a safe and happy Easter

