

BOWRAL VETERINARY HOSPITAL

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PROBLEM PETS

Does your dog jump, bark, chase its tail or destroy the place when you're out?
Do the cats fight, urinate in the house or disappear when visitors arrive?

These are common behavioural problems but the underlying cause may vary between pets.

To successfully modify an animal's behavior you have to first identify the cause.

If you think your pet has an issue pop in and pick a behavioural questionnaire and we will help point you in the right direction.

Hospital Hours

8.30 – 5.30
Mon – Fri
8.30 – 12noon
Saturday

Consultations

8.30-5.30
Mon – Fri
9.00-12 noon
Saturday
10.00-11.00 am
Sunday

Phone 48611 444

FLEAS

Spring has sprung and with the warmer weather flea eggs hatch at a greater rate.

Coinciding with the increase in fleas Frontline is running a promotion. Buy any six pack of frontline and receive a free bowl for your cat or dog.

MORE FREEBIES

The easiest way to remember your pet's three monthly worming is to worm at the change of seasons.

With every Drontal worming you receive a free ball thrower for your pooch.

Dogs love Drontal's new chewy wormer. If they like liver or meat based treats they will happily take their worming.

The ball thrower is also free with the purchase of Advantix which helps protect against ticks, another problem which is more common leading into and through summer.

For cats we have the Cativity Center, an interactive game for cats. This is free with any Drontal or Profender 'spot on' wormer for cats or Advantage for flea control.

WARNING WARNING

Watch out for **ticks** if you head to the coast these school holidays. Frontline, Advantix and tick collars can all help reduce the chances of tick paralysis if used appropriately. Remember these products do not guarantee against ticks and daily searches are very important.

Canine Cough, a highly contagious upper respiratory tract infection, is about. It can be caused by a number of organism but the more serious causes can be vaccinated against with a C5 vaccination. If your dog is likely to be mixing with other dogs it is advised to booster their vaccination if it is any longer than six months since the last vaccine. Unlike the parvo vaccine the canine or 'kennel' cough vaccine can start to wane any time from six months post vaccine and dogs may be at risk. Any unvaccinated dogs should avoid the off leash parks and boarding kennels until ten days after vaccination. If a vaccinated dog develops a cough it is likely to be mild and self limiting.

We have seen a few cases of **myxomatosis** lately. This is an often fatal disease of rabbits spread by mosquitoes and rabbit fleas from the wild rabbit population to pet rabbits. Rabbits become ill and have swollen eyelids and ears. The only way to protect your rabbit is to mozzie net the hutch or have your rabbit indoors at dawn and dusk