

## Newsletter



### *Wadestown Vet News*

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#### Keeping one step ahead of the fleas

The advent of more heat pumps and central heating has been welcomed by the flea larvae, which have been waiting on stand-by for warm conditions so that they can hatch, develop and begin biting. As well as making you and your pet itch and scratch, fleas can transmit a blood parasite between cats. Keeping up to date with flea treatment in the winter is just as important as during the warmer months, and will help to keep both you and your pets healthy and itch-free.



#### Safer cat deworming (for you)

At last there is now a de-worming product available that can be administered topically. For the prevention and treatment of worms in your cat, Profender kills both adult worms and their eggs from a single application every three months to the back of the neck, leaving your cat parasite-free and you in one piece! (Results to the latter may vary.)

#### Relieving arthritis in cats

There is also a new product available for the relief of arthritic pain in cats. If you think your cat could benefit from this, please make an appointment to discuss this prescription medication with one of our veterinarians.

#### Relieving arthritis in dogs

"All products are equal but some products are more equal than others" – adapted from George Orwell. With so many joint supplements it is difficult to know what product will be best for your dog. Mobilize from Bomazeal takes the guess-work out of arthritic pain relief for dogs, and is the only natural product with an ACVM approved label claim to aid in the treatment of non-infectious inflammatory joint disease, arthritis and osteoarthritis in dogs.



#### Lost... and found with microchips

Newspaper articles have recently highlighted the benefits of identifying lost cats and dogs with microchips. Having your beloved pet microchipped can help protect both you and your pet from the stress of them being lost or stolen, enabling them to be quickly and easily identified and returned to you, no matter how far from home they end up.



#### How to find that long lost urine stain

Urine off, a urine odour and stain removing product also offer customers an ultraviolet light to enable you to identify where your pet is urinating so that the removal product can be applied directly to the stain, eliminating lingering odours at the source.

#### Better Indoor Sanitation

For a cleaner, longer lasting litter tray we recommend using litter crystals. One bag will last one cat for two months, as only the 'solids' need to be removed during that time, saving money and hassle. Using litter crystals in combination with a walk-in hooded tray and charcoal filter resulting in low-maintenance odour-free indoor toileting. This is great for apartment-dwelling or indoor cats as well as those that are kept indoors overnight.

Keeping a cat indoors at night not only helps you monitor their health, but reduces native bird kills, reduces cat fights and the resulting abscesses. Good for you, but bad for our business!



#### Smarter Nutrition – what goes in...

Supermarket pet foods are not necessarily as economical as they appear at first glance. The cost of feeding Hills Science Diet to your pets is \$1.21 per day for a 10kg dog, and 59c per day for a 4kg cat. Mike has attended a course on pet nutrition where the speaker classified premium dog food as one where the 'end result' can be picked up between your toes and flicked over the neighbours fence –not that we condone such behaviour, but the point is that the 'deposits' should be solid, well-formed, lower in volume and exude less stench.

#### Maintaining healthy fangs

Hills Science Diet offers T/D, a prescription dental food for cats and dogs that develop excessive amounts of tartar. This can be complimented with Aquadent, a drinking water additive that helps to prevent tartar formation. Failing this, we offer teeth descaling for cats during their annual health check appointments, which reduces the need for expensive dental surgeries and preventable teeth extractions. Visiting veterinarians notice the difference in oral health here.



## **Introduction Sebastian**

Sebastian, our resident cat.

Sebastian aka Sir Bastian, Batty, Fat cat, Aristo cat, Einstein...(cool, calm and collected.) came to live with us in February of 2008, previously he had been rescued by the S.P.C.A after being abandoned in Hataitai as a mature cat, approximately 8 years old. He stayed with the S.P.C.A for 2 years which is generally unheard of as they have such a high turn over of cats and not a lot of space so it is the mature cats that cant find homes that will be put to sleep first, but he had obviously taken over the place as well as a lot of hearts, as he has done here. He was then re-homed to one of our elderly clients where he stayed for 3 months before the gentleman had a bad fall breaking a hip and in turn moving into a home. Cats were not allowed so he came to stay in our cattery until the family could arrange a new home.

This turned into a harder feat than first thought so after a while the girls convinced Mike it was time to have a clinic cat as the previous one had passed away 4 years earlier, so Sebastian moved into the clinic and has stayed ever since he loves all the people that come to see him (which happens to be every one that walks thru the front door, couriers included), if you come by you will most likely find him modeling the beds and toys that are for sale, he can also be found supervising the staff at reception and is always keen for a pat and a play with your keys. He will occasionally be involved in disciplinary action with a swipe to a dogs nose when they get too close or a chomp to your hand when he's done with the patting session.

A perfect addition to the Wadestown Vet Clinic family.