



# CORIO LARA

## VETERINARY CLINICS

### Autumn Newsletter

With change of season comes change in environmental factors for our furry friends. Its a good time to sort out some comfortable and warm bedding for the coming months and ensure adequate shelter from wind, rain and frost.

With the cooler months on there way, our older pets will start to feel the pinch a bit sooner than the rest of us.

Some signs of discomfort in our pets joints are slow to walk or get up and down from sitting position, limping, muscle wasting around the legs, reluctant to move, panting for no reason and may try to snap or nibble at legs.

We can offer a number of treatments to help ease your pets discomfort and keep them comfortable during the cooler months.

Please don't hesitate to call us on 52754575 if you have any questions regarding your pets as the weather starts to cool off.

## CHOCOLATE TOXICITY

With the Easter bunny around the corner we want to remind all the chocolate lovers out there to keep the treats out of reach.

We all love our chocolate indulgences and so may your furry friends.

But beware, chocolate is **TOXIC** to dogs and cats.

The toxic ingredient in chocolate that affects dogs and cats, but not humans, is methylxanthines (theobromine and caffeine). These vary in concentration in different forms of chocolate i.e. white, milk, dark and cooking chocolate. Typically, the more bitter the chocolate, the more methylxanthine it will contain. White chocolate has the least amount of methylxanthines, while cooking chocolate contains the most.

Severity of clinical signs or toxic effects will depend on the size (weight) of your pet, the amount (quantity) and the form of chocolate they have ingested.

For example, a 20kg dog that has ingested a 200 gram milk chocolate block, may experience vomiting and diarrhoea, while a 20kg dog that has ingested a 200 gram dark chocolate block, may have seizures, tremors and/or borderline death.

The clinical signs of chocolate toxicity occur between one, and six hours, after ingestion. These include vomiting, diarrhoea, increased urination, rapid breathing, rapid heart rate, hyperactivity (bouncing), tremors, seizures, coma or death.

If your furry friend has ingested chocolate, it may be life threatening, so please call the clinic straight away to seek treatment.

## Anzac Day

We take a moment in our busy lives to remember all those that walked before us, in shoes, on hoof, on paw and the sacrifice they made for our great country.

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:

Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning

We will remember them.

## **Desexing Month**

March is our desexing month and we are offering 20% off desexing's of all animals big and small and microchip's at a special rate of \$41.80.

Be sure to book in early as availability will be limited.

## **Staff Update**

Meet Annabel

We have welcomed Annabel to our team over the past couple of months. Annabel is recently qualified in her Certificate IV Veterinary Nursing and works at our Corio clinic part time. You will be sure to see her bright smile around the clinic.

## **Public Holidays**

### **Labour Day**

Corio & Lara Veterinary Clinics will be CLOSED on Monday 11th March

### **Easter Period**

#### **Corio & Lara Veterinary Clinic**

Friday 19th April - CLOSED

Saturday 20th April - CLOSED

Sunday 21st April - CLOSED

Monday 22nd April - CLOSED

### **Anzac Day**

Corio & Lara Veterinary Clinics will be CLOSED on Thursday 25th April

If you have any emergencies over the Labour day long weekend or Easter break please phone:

Geelong Animal Emergency (03) 5222 2139, located at 102 Fyans st South Geelong.

**Have a safe and happy Easter**

**From the team at Corio & Lara Veterinary Clinics\*\***

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