



CORIO LARA

VETERINARY CLINICS

Spring Newsletter

Welcome to this beautiful time of the year and to our Spring newsletter. We hope you are all keeping well and enjoying making precious memories with your furry friends.

Here at the clinics it seems to be the year for new additions to our families. A number of our staff have bought themselves some new puppies and kittens who are certainly keeping them on their toes, but they wouldn't have it any other way.

Spring is a great time of year for us where we can enjoy the sunshine and flowers, however our pets can be more at risk to bites, poisons and toxins . Sometimes causing anaphylactic reactions, which can lead to serious illness and possibly death.

Things to be mindful of when your out and about in the gorgeous spring weather:

■ A
bee
sting
can
be
lethal
if
your
pet
has
an
allergic
reaction
to
the
sting.
Some
signs
include:
facial
and/or
neck
swelling,
difficulty
breathing,
collapse,
lumps
under
the
skin
or
excessive
salivation.

■ Snail
and
Slug
Bait
—
Small
quantities
ingested
can
be
fatal
so
make

sure
they
are
stored
away
in
a
shed
or
cupboard
away
from
any
animals

■ Fertiliser

–
The
smell
of
fertiliser
can
be
tempting
for
animals,
especially
curious
dogs
and
cats,
if
eaten
they
can
be
highly
toxic
and
even
fatal.

■ Compost

–
Your
pets
may
be

tempted
to
raid
the
compost,
the
contents
can
contain
bacteria,
mould
and
toxics
which
can
make
your
pets
very
sick.

- Rat
and
Mouse
Bait

–
These
are
very
toxic
to
pets,
ingestion
can
cause
serious
damage
very
quickly.

- Insecticides
and
Weed
Killer

–
Are
also
toxic

to
pets
and
should
be
safely
stored
away.
They
shouldn't
be
used
while
your
pets
are
outside.

Get 25% off any 6 month pack of Advocate in the month of September

Spring time is another good reason to get your pets flea & worming all up to date. During the month of September we are offering 25% off any six month Advocate purchase.

What is advocate?

Advocate is a topical spot on for use on dogs and cats.

Advocate is effective against fleas, flea larvae, ear mites, sarcoptic mange mites, demodectic mange mites, lice, immature and mature stages of roundworms, hookworms and adult whipworms and lungworms.

It prevents heartworms, lungworms and skinworms and also treats circulating microfilaria.

At what age can advocate be used on dogs and cats?

Advocate can be used on dogs from 7 weeks of age and over 1kg in weight.

Advocate can be used on cats from 9 weeks of age and over 1kg in weight.

So pop down to either the Corio or Lara Veterinary clinics to purchase your six month pack today

Snakes!

Unfortunately, its that time of year again, where we will soon be seeing and hearing of snakes coming out of hibernation.

The snake season seems to be getting earlier each year, and with that being said we need to be on the lookout.

While cats may be at a higher risk of being bitten, dogs are more susceptible to snake bites than cats.

A bite for a dog can be lethal in less than 30 minutes, and cats have a greater resistance to snake bites, but will succumb to bites within 12 to 24 hours.

When a snake bites an animal, it injects its venom via the fangs into the tissue below the skin. Venom is rapidly absorbed from the site of the bite and carried mainly by the lymphatic system into the animal's circulation.

Snake venom carry a large range of toxins that damage tissues and impair many of the body's vital functions, they attack the nervous system and interfere with the body's clotting mechanisms.

Some signs & symptoms of your pet being bitten are:

- Sudden weakness followed by collapse
- Shaking or twitching of the muscles
- Vomiting
- Dilated pupils not responsive to light
- In the later stages paralysis may occur and

your
pet
may
have
blood
in
his
or
her
urine

You may not see any of these symptoms for 24 hours after the bite has occurred, you will generally never see a bite wound. If you suspect your pet has been bitten by a snake, you must seek Veterinarian attention IMMEDIATELY.

The sooner your pet is seen by a veterinarian the better chances they have of survival. Treatment includes anti-venom, intravenous fluids and a blood test to assess clotting time (if bitten the animals blood will take longer than 90 seconds to clot) Treatment can be costly due to pets needing to be hospitalised, kept on intravenous fluids and in most cases a second vial of anti-venom is needed. If animal is left untreated it may lead to respiratory arrest and death.

Clinic News

You may have noticed some new faces at the clinics recently!

We would like to welcome two new nurses to the team:

Genna has relocated from the big city for a more relaxing life style down on the coast with her family. Genna is a qualified Certificate IV Veterinary nurse and has been nursing for eight years. She will be working at both clinics on a part time basis. We are very lucky to welcome her to our team and she will be more than happy to help you with anything relating to your furry friends

We would like to welcome back *Nikki* to our nursing team. You may remember Nikki from our nursing team quite a few years ago. After having a few years off to start her family, she continued nursing down the coast. Nikki is a qualified Certificate IV Veterinary Nurse with a wealth of knowledge whom we are so happy to have her back with us at the clinics part time.

Public Holidays

We are closed at both the the Corio & Lara Veterinary clinics on the following days:

Grand final day - Friday 28th September - CLOSED BOTH CLINICS

Geelong cup - Wednesday 21st of October- CLOSED BOTH CLINICS

For any emergencies on these days please phone: Geelong animal emergency on 52222139

Located at 102 Fyans st South Geelong

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