



Burke Road Veterinary Clinic & Hospital July 2017 Newsletter!



FREE PARKING

Just a reminder that we offer free 1 hour parking directly outside the clinic door all day long (no clearway), so you can enjoy the convenience of parking right in front, at any time.

Clifton Road and Mowbray Street offer all day parking if more than an hour is needed. We are here to help if you ever need assistance to or from your car.

Help! My Pet is Limping!

Limping (or lameness), is very common. There are many different causes of limping; however what many people often

forget is that limping is a pain response. Therefore, if your pet is limping, they are altering their gait to alleviate pain. The cause of the pain needs to be investigated and could be anything from an embedded grass seed to a pulled muscle, or even a torn ligament, fractured bone or an arthritic joint. In the wild, injured animals are often ejected from their pack, so they have learned over the years to be incredibly stoic. Due to this 'tough-it-out' trait, veterinary investigation is important to ensure your pet has not done serious damage that could lead to permanent problems.



What Diagnostics Are Available?

At Burke Road Vet Clinic, we initiate the consultation by taking a thorough history and completing a full examination (including a neurological examination) of your pet. The vet will assess range of motion, look for swelling or warmth, and assess their gait. From here, the vet will often have a diagnosis, and often, this is enough for the vets to be able to treat the problem, and dispense pain medications or anti-inflammatory medications, and put together a plan for recovery.

Occasionally we may need to take radiographs. Our digital X-Ray machine makes this process much simpler than traditional film and takes better quality diagnostic images.

How Do We Treat Lameness?

There is no one-size-fits-all treatment. Your pet's treatment will be tailored for their specific injury. We may need to use a multi-modal approach, by combining cartrophen, anti-inflammatory and pain relief, weight loss/dietary modification, rest and then careful slow introduction to exercise.

We are here to help, so if you would like to discuss limping further, or book an appointment for your best friend, call us today on 9822 3268.

Avoid Temptation!

It might be tempting to feed your pet human scraps as a treat but you may be doing them harm and causing excessive weight gain. Excessive weight gain puts more strain on their joints but also leads them to be at higher risk of a number of diseases.

If you are having trouble saying 'no' to those adorable eyes... just think...



Dog Treat Translator

A cookie or a piece of cheese may seem like a little treat, but it's like a whole meal for dogs.

Too many unhealthy snacks can add up fast!

Snacks & Scraps
(as fed to a 20 lb dog)

Human Caloric Equivalent
(average size woman)



Just one little cookie

=



1 oz piece of cheddar cheese

=



One hot dog

(If used as training treats,
cut into tiny pieces)

=



Cat Treat Translator

A cup of milk or a piece of cheese may seem like a little treat, but it's like a whole meal for cats.

Too many unhealthy snacks can add up fast!

Snacks & Scraps
(as fed to a 10 lb cat)

Human Caloric Equivalent
(average size woman)



Just one potato chip

=



1 oz piece of cheddar cheese

=



One cup whole milk

(causes weight gain and upset tummy!)

=



Alternatives that are good for the waist line!

- Raw meaty bones for dogs - beneficial for the teeth and just cut down on their usual portion of dry food on the day you give the bone.
- For cats beef gravy strips given before dinner help to encourage chewing and makes that evening meal last longer! Again cut down on their usual portion of dry food whenever you give the strips.
- Roo tendons- low in fat but tasty and also great for teeth!
- Fit'n'Flash chicken or kangaroo treats - no additives, human grade ingredients and low in fat
- 2X2 dog biscuits - come into the clinic to grab a bag of these cheap biccies that dogs just love. Low in fat and very hard they are an ideal low fat option!
- Dry food as treats - when measuring out daily amount put some aside in a zip lock bag to give in a Kong, or as training treats through the day!

Pet of the Month

[Click here to meet our July 2017 pet of the month!](#)

Kind Regards,
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