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Clinic Hours

The clinic can be contacted between 8am-6pm Mon-Fri, and between 8am-1pm on Saturdays.

After Hours

For Emergencies after hours call 4125 2788



Paralysis Ticks



We have noticed an increase in patients coming in suffering from paralysis ticks – now is the time to ensure we are being vigilant with our tick prevention!

The Paralysis Tick (*Ixodes holocyclus*) is a concern for pet owners as it can cause paralysis and death within 2-4 days of attachment. Whilst Paralysis Ticks occur naturally only in certain geographic areas (mainly along the coastal eastern seaboard of Australia) they can attach to pets who visit these areas during the warmer months, particularly if they are allowed to run through scrub. Ticks may also hitch a ride back with you or a neighbour in cars, rugs, towels or plants.

If you notice a tick on a pet that is not displaying signs of tick paralysis, remove the tick straight away. To do this, wearing gloves or using a tick twister, grasp the tick firmly where it attaches to your pet's skin and give a quick sideways pull. It is better not to try and kill the tick first as the dying tick may inject more of its potent toxin into your pet. If you are not confident removing the tick please call us immediately to make an appointment to have it removed.

Once the tick is removed your pet should be kept cool and quiet whilst being closely monitored for 24 hours. If your pet starts to display any signs of tick paralysis, such as vomiting, weakness, staggering, breathing difficulty, or altered bark, seek immediate veterinary attention as this is a genuine veterinary emergency. If your pet is showing any of the above signs, do not offer food or water as these may be accidentally inhaled in tick-affected dogs.

Treatment of tick paralysis includes searching for and removing all ticks. This may include clipping the animal completely and/or the use of medication to kill remaining ticks. Tick antiserum is administered to counteract the toxin and supportive care is provided during recovery. Length of treatment and outcomes vary significantly – it is much safer and cost effective to be on tick prevention. The great news is Bravecto is now available for both Dogs and Cats to keep your pet safe.

Any tick prevention should always be used in combination with daily searches of your pet. Searching your pet shouldn't cease once you return from tick-affected regions but should continue for at least 7 days after returning home. Use your fingers to feel over the entire body, especially under the collar, on the face and around the front of your pet.

NEW PRODUCT – BRAVECTO FOR CATS & DOGS



AVAILABLE NOW!!

This is a product we are all excited about as it is the first **TICK** and Flea treatment for **CATS**. Each pack of Bravecto for Cats contains two treatments. Bravecto is applied to the back of the cats' neck and provides protection from fleas and ticks for 3 months!! Yes that's right, a flea and tick treatment that lasts 3 months and there are no tablets required!

5 Minutes with Dakota



Dakota Beattie

Dakota is our newest team member at Bayview.

Most rewarding part of being a vet nurse?

Being able to interact with animals every day and being able to help them when they need it!

What would you be doing if you weren't a nurse?

I am also passionate about the environment and would follow in that path if I wasn't vet nursing.

Favourite breed?

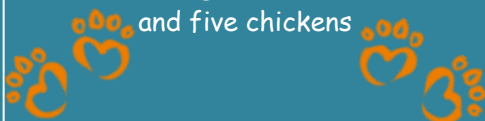
Border collie or Staffy

Why you love living in Hervey Bay?

Hervey Bay is my happy medium - it's not too busy but also not too remote! It has beaches and lots of beautiful places to relax. It's also not too far from a big city or nice beach getaway.

What pets do you have at home?

I have one dog, one cat, one snake and five chickens



New information for ordering your pet's medication.



For ongoing medications please notify the clinic 24hours prior to collecting your prescription.

Remember to check if your pet is due for reassessment by the vet when you call so we can help maintain your pet's health.

10 FUN FACTS ABOUT CATS



1. Cats were once used to deliver mail in 1870s Belgium. It didn't last long.
2. A cat's nose pad is ridged with a unique pattern, just like the fingerprint of a human.
3. Cats can only sweat through their paws.
4. Cats can make about 100 different sounds. (Dogs only make about 10.)
5. Six-toed kittens are so common in Boston and surrounding areas of Massachusetts that experts consider it an established mutation.
6. A cat's vision is sharpest between 2 and 3 feet from its face.
7. Cats are good for your heart.
8. A cat's purr creates vibrations within a range of 20-140 Hz, known to be medically therapeutic for many illnesses.
9. On average, cats spend 2/3rds of every day sleeping. That means a nine-year-old cat has been awake for only three years of its life.
10. Meowing is not part of natural cat language—it was developed almost exclusively for humans.

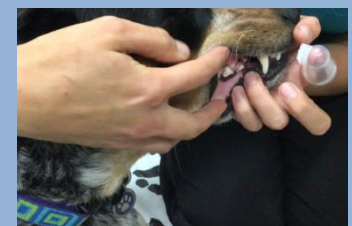
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