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## Vet Clinic Newsletter

January 2006

The Animal Aid Veterinary Clinic would like to wish you, our valued clients, your families, and your pets a safe and Happy 2006.

The Clinic will be closed on Australia Day, Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January.

Otherwise our hours will be as normal:

Monday 8.30am – 7pm

Tuesday – Friday 8.30am – 6pm

Saturday 9am – 1pm

Consultation by appointment only

To cater to your Veterinary needs over the holiday period and beyond, the clinic now has an *After Hours Emergency Advice Line* which operates from 6pm on Friday nights, until 9am on Monday mornings, as well as all day on public holidays.

A vet can be contacted by calling *0400 824 024*, and will be able to give you advice, schedule an after hours appointment, or advise you on the appropriate action to take until the clinic is open. This may mean referring you straight to the Animal Emergency Centre if your pet requires urgent attention. During week nights we suggest you contact the Emergency Centre directly for all your pet emergencies:

Animal Emergency Centre

37 Blackburn Rd

Mt Waverley. 98038122

We would like to welcome our new veterinarian Dr Carly Cheung to our team, Carly starts on 9<sup>th</sup> January.



Hopefully all your pets have braved the New Year fire works without too much stress, remember to take care over the Australia Day weekend as no doubt there will be more.

The weather bureau are forecasting very hot conditions for this summer so please give your pets some extra thought on the hot days to come.

- ensure they have adequate shelter all day from the sun.
- ensure plenty of cool water (checking that it stays in the shade and cannot be tipped over)
- if possible, if your house is cooler, keep them inside.
- limit exercise in the hottest part of the day
- if they seem excessively hot or distressed find a very cool place, lay a damp towel over them, especially on sparsely haired areas like the stomach, and if possible a cool fan.
- Please Never Leave Your Pets in the Car major organ damage and death come very quickly with increased body temperature in the heat!!!

When gardening and putting bait out for the snails remember pets and snail bait DO NOT MIX. Ensure it is placed so they cannot eat it. If you suspect they have, an urgent trip to the vet is in order, the sooner treatment begins the more chance your beloved pet has of surviving the incident. Mixing citronella pellets with snail bait may decrease the risk of ingestion.



Another important warm weather risk to watch for is snakes. We have already had a case of snake bite this year so keep your pets out of long grass and keep your grass cut short to decrease potential serpent habitat.



Looking forward to seeing all of you during 2006, from the Animal Aid Vet clinic staff.