

East Bundaberg Veterinary Hospital &



Bargara Veterinary Surgery



November 2019 Newsletter

Another month has flown past and we are now entering into the last month of autumn and already the weather is hot, dry and starting to get humid. We are all waiting for the rain to start (as is the rest of Queensland and most of Australia) – welcome to the most semi arid country in the world.

Flea control – offering 10% off flea products for the month of November

We have had some small amount of rain in October and the fleas came out in their thousands (if not millions) and jumped onto the dogs and cats of the area. This newsletter is too short to discuss the total life cycle of fleas but it is important for owner to be aware of a few facts. Fleas will live happily on dogs and cats. Fleas that jump on your animal after hatching out in the ground will take approximately 2 days to grow before they can breed – you have 2 days to kill this parasite before it contaminates your environment with eggs and larvae. Fleas need to suck blood to live and breed – you need to kill the flea on your animal before it starts breeding. The flea life cycle can be as short as a week or as long as 12 months (and possibly more). There is a phase in the life cycle of the flea where the nymph stage forms a cocoon and that larvae can live in that cocoon for months and, in my opinion, nothing will kill that larvae. It is my recommendation to attack the flea at the source of food – the animal rather than attack the environment.



The flea does not come wandering down the road to infest your animal – there must be some contact with contaminated properties or other infested animals before your animal will get fleas. Please check your dog and cat for fleas on a regular basis but if you animal does NOT have fleas – do NOT put something into or onto the animal to prevent fleas (as much as there are lots of companies who want you to use flea products as a preventer – I do not recommend it. Wait until you have a flea or two and then react with the appropriate product to kill the flea. There are a lot of owners using expensive products to prevent something they do not have and may never get. Also remember these products “are not water” and, in my opinion, do come at a cost to the animal’s health and wellbeing – so be careful what you use on your animal).

If your animal does have fleas (and some cats will only allow 2 or 3 fleas to live on their skin) then it is my advice to then use the appropriate product to kill the fleas. Remembering that once the fleas are allowed to breed, your property will be contaminated for at least 12 months so you must use the right product at the right time to eliminate fleas from your property. There are a few products “on the market” that work well with fleas and, in my opinion, there are lots of products that do not work well. If you want our recommendation of what product to use on your animal the please ring 41531399 (East) or 41591009 (Bargara)

Please remember cats are NOT little dogs so only use a product on a cat that is registered for cats. We are offering a 10% discounted sale of all flea products we use and recommend for the month of November.

Bargara Dog Walk – a message from Bargara Veterinary Surgery

Our monthly Bargara Dog Walk will be held on Sunday the 10th of November. We meet at Bargara Veterinary Surgery 2/20 Bauer Street Bargara and set off at 4pm in the afternoon, generally finishing at around 5pm. Everyone is welcome to come along with their dogs and socialise with some great people while enjoying a lovely walk down the esplanade and along the beach. This month we are also encouraging owners to dress up their dogs with vouchers being given to those who really stand out.



Pensioner Discount at Bargara – for consultations and vaccinations

This article applies to the clients of Bargara Veterinary Surgery. Every Monday we offer the opportunity for pensioners to have appointments with Dr Randall and every Thursday we offer the same opportunity for pensioners to have appointments with Dr Marianne for consultations and vaccinations of their animals. So, if you are a pensioner, and your dog or cat is needing a vaccination, or maybe your animal is not feeling the best and needs some form of medical treatment – then we offer a lower priced service (with the same top level quality of professional care).

BUT it is important that you let our receptionist know that you require the pensioner rate.

Online Booking

We now offer online booking for all your pets health care needs, either scan the QR code to the Right —>
Or go online at www.eastbundabergvet.com.au or pop on our Facebook page



COLOUR ME PRETTY

Colour Me Pretty - \$15.00 hair colouring of tails and ears for this November

BUT – this month our hydrobathing department is offering a special price for colouring the hair of your animal. This month (and this month alone) we are charging \$15.00 to colour the tail and ears of your animal. So if you want the animal looking “spiffy” and maybe a little different – come and get the tail and ear hairs coloured.

We have a wonderful experienced team to clip/colour and hydrobath your animal – ring today on 41531399 (East) or 41591009 (Bargara) and “let it happen”.

Hydrobaths - \$15.00

I am not going to jump on my soap box and talk about the benefits of clipping and hydrobathing to your animal. I am very passionate about this subject and feel, maybe this month I should give you all a break from my ranting and raving about how the clipping makes your dog and cat feel healthier and happier and how a good deep hydrobath with the right shampoo and conditioner makes the skin of your dog healthier (I do not recommend hydrobath for cats unless you are tired of having skin on your arms and body). I don't know about you, but I do place a price on my time and if someone was offering to deeply cleanse the skin of my dog using the best of surfactant shampoos, then they are going to apply a top quality conditioner, they are going to blow dry my dog and allow me to “get on with my life” while they were doing all the work, and then are willing to leave my dog stay in an air conditioned, climate environment until I returned (at my own leisure) and they wanted to only charge \$15.00 for this total service – then I would grab it with both hands. For the month of November we are offering to hydrobath your dog (we do not recommend this service to cats) for the total price of \$15.00. If you want to partake of this – ring 41531399 (East) or 41591009 (Bargara) for an appointment.

Microchipping dogs and cats - \$55.00

I would recommend all dogs and cats be microchipped for identification so that if they become lost or injured (outside your yard) then someone can contact you and get your lost or misplaced pet back home again.

To encourage owners to get their animal microchipped and registered with the Central Agency - we are offering to microchip their animal for \$55.00 and that includes the registration of the animal with the Central Agency.

Going on Holidays this Christmas break – make sure your animal is vaccinated.

Every year we are contacted by owners who want to leave their dog or cat in a boarding kennel or cattery but they forgot to get their animal vaccinated before the date of “drop off”.

Please be aware that vaccines take 10 days to have full effect. Be aware that all boarding establishments for dogs and cats will demand to see the vaccinated certificate (or they legally cannot accept your animal for boarding)

If you are going away (lucky you) please check on the vaccination status of your dog or cat and if you are not sure then contact our establishments -41531399 (East) or 41591009 (Bargara) and ask our receptionist. Have a great time away and occasionally think of me (working hard but not appreciated by the staff and the manager).

The Christmas Hamper

I know it is still a few weeks from Christmas, but it is time for the famous raffle – The Christmas Hamper (or as my manager says – The Christmas Hampers. That is because we have a number of Christmas Hampers – one a week- from mid-November to Christmas). Before all the readers of this newsletters start rolling their eyes and feeling “There is a catch to this” or “More Money!” – it is important to know that these raffles are **FREE** (yes I said

Free – yep these raffles will cost you nothing, not a ZIP).

Every year for as long as I can remember (and that is not a long time – another story for another time but as I age so my ability to recall names and dates start to diminish) we have held a Christmas Hamper to give my clients a chance to win a special gift as a way to say “Thank You” to everyone. Then came along our manager – Lynelle – who decided to revolutionise the business and because she is a “people person” she wanted to give more clients a chance to win a hamper.

So the tradition was changed and now we have a number of raffles over the weeks leading up to Christmas and each week we draw a lucky winner from the “box” and then restart collecting new names in the following week.

This means that anyone who wants to partake must register each week to be a possible winner. Anyone can come in and get a ticket (or two) and all clients who use us will be given a ticket. So come on in – you do not have to spend any money with us to get a ticket but you do have to be a registered client. There is no restrictions on the number of times you fill out a ticket (and our helpful staff will fill it out for you if you want them to) and we will contact the winner each week BUT you must come and pick the hamper from us yourself (sorry but we do not have the time or the staff to deliver the winning hamper).

