



Winter 2013

The dangers of Hookworm

Snow and Toby are 10 week old Border Collie puppies that were brought into the surgery for a check up. Dr Louis examined the pups and was very concerned about the pale colour of their gums. Dr Louis ran a quick blood test to check their blood clotting time to rule out rat bait ingestion. Their blood clotted normally, so the next step was to run a blood count which showed that Snow's blood count (known as PCV, Packed Cell Volume) was 10% - well below the normal range for a puppy of 37%-55%. Toby's blood count wasn't much better at 14%. The diagnosis of hookworm was discovered after examining some of the pup's faeces under the microscope which showed hundreds of hookworm eggs.



Due to the severity of Snow & Toby's anaemia, a blood transfusion and deworming with a product called Drontal was performed. Snow & Toby had been dewormed and vaccinated as per the usual puppy schedule, however they were wormed with a supermarket product that Hookworms are resistant to. After their blood transfusions, Snow's PCV rose to 34% and Toby's 37% and the next day they were as bright as buttons and able to return home.

Worming – The Facts!

- Puppies & kittens should be wormed every 2 weeks until 12 weeks of age with a worming tablet purchased from your vet – preferably Drontal until 6 weeks and then a product called Milbemax which will also protect them from Heartworm
- After 12 weeks, puppies and kittens should be wormed each month.
- Many intestinal worms that can affect our dogs and cats can be transferred to people – so it is important to worm your pet to protect your family.
- There are many products on the market to treat not just intestinal worms but also heartworm and fleas – some in all in one combinations. We understand how confusing this can be so please chat to one of our friendly staff on the best option for your pet.

Did you know...

We offer a 24 hour emergency service?

By calling 4632 8333 at any time of day or night you will always be able to receive Veterinary advice and care from one of the Veterinarians you know and trust.



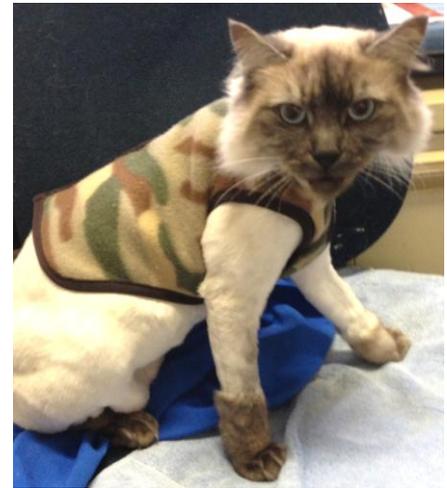


TVH In the Community ~ Lyric's Visit!

We finally got the opportunity to meet our Seeing Eye Dog Puppy Lyric last month! Lyric, and his carer Michelle popped by the hospital to meet the staff and show us how clever he already is! Lyric is now 6 months old and Michelle is teaching him basic behaviour skills, as well as socialising him until he turns one and goes back to Seeing Eye Dogs Australia for more intensive training.



Does your pet want to be as stylish as Rove this Winter?
Call in and get a Jacket for your pet before the Winter chill really sets in!



I have been taking my 6 month old husky puppy Kato and my 4 ½ year old cat Mia, to Toowoomba Veterinary Hospital and I can't recommend them highly enough. A visit to TVH is like a visit to a loving family. I always feel at ease when I take my babies to see the team. They go above and beyond in their advice and care and are always willing with information on the best way to care for your animals. Puppy Pre School with Tiffany was just amazing. The advice and guidance she gave for our puppy Kato on worming, feeding, de-sexing, behaviour, training and much more really gave us all the information we needed to take great care of our little puppy. The socialisation at Puppy Pre School was fantastic. Kato loved playing with all the other puppies, big and small, and it was great for him to develop social and play skills in a safe environment. Now when we take him to TVH he bounds through the door and can't wait to see everyone. Thank you to all of the team at Toowoomba Veterinary Hospital for taking such amazing care of my animals and loving them just as much as I do.'

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