



Paws, Claws and More

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NEW VACCINE AVAILABLE FOR FIV - FELINE AIDS

FIV is a potentially fatal disease of cats that affects the immune system of a cat. FIV causes the disease known as Feline

AIDS and is now considered the most serious disease that can affect your cat. Cats that roam or have access to outdoors are at risk of contracting FIV, as the disease is spread when an infected cat comes into contact with a healthy cat, mostly through biting.

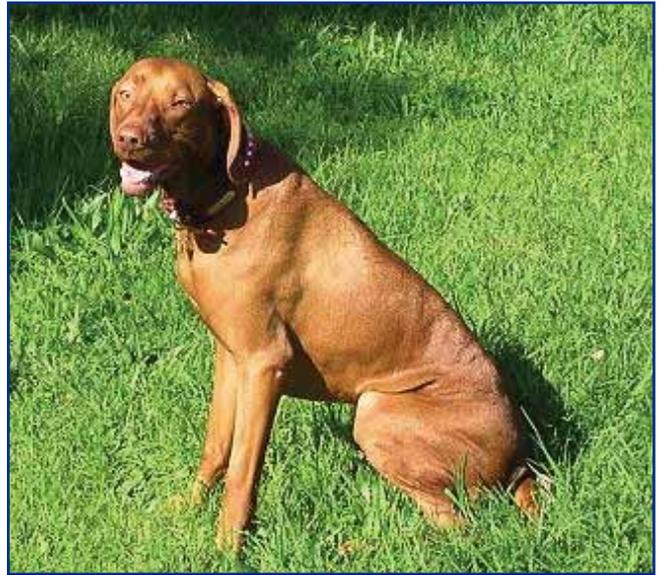
As the disease progresses the immune system finds it hard to fight off infections and other diseases. As a result the cat will die from one of the subsequent infections. We can test your cat if you suspect it may have been exposed to FIV.

There is no treatment or cure for this disease so prevention is highly recommended. This is done through a new vaccine for FIV - Feline AIDS. Kittens and adult cats require 3 initial vaccinations and then a booster every 12 months to build up and maintain immunity against FIV.

Phone us now to discuss whether your cat should be vaccinated against FIV.



Breed bio – Vizsla



The Hungarian Vizsla has a history that extends back many centuries. Ancient Nobles bred the Vizsla primarily for pointing game, but today it is used as a companion and all round gun dog. As its name states it was first bred in Hungary, and the first proof of the breeds existence was revealed in a letter written in 1510.

The Vizsla is an elegant medium sized dog. It has a distinct dark golden coat which is uniform in colour, but occasionally they will have a small patch of white on their chest. There is the common short hair variety, shown right, that does well in warm weather, and also a wire-haired variety. The body is well proportioned and strong, the Vizsla has a lot of character that can be seen through an expressive face.

The Vizsla is a sensitive and intelligent breed, which is easily trained. They don't appreciate rough treatment, but do well with children and other dogs. They adapt well to their environment but if in a suburban area will still need to be exercised regularly. They require minimal grooming and have very few health problems; though due to their pendulous ears they can be prone to ear infections.

Life expectancy: 13-14 years

Height: 57-64cm

Weight:22-30kg

Household Poisons – Dangerous for unsuspecting pets!

During autumn and winter last year we had several cases of dogs ingesting toxic substances that they had found at home and during their walks. This included snail and rat bait, human medications and even dead toadfish! Not only is this dangerous but it can be fatal.

If your pet is caught swallowing something it shouldn't, bring your pet down as soon as possible for Veterinary treatment. Vomiting can be induced. Once the stomach is empty most animals go home without complications depending on the poisons involved.

Sadly not all owners are aware of when their pet has eaten a poisonous substance. The symptoms displayed vary depending on what has been ingested. Some poisons take effect the same day and others will only display symptoms several weeks after being eaten.



**DANGER
POISON**

The symptoms seen by some commonly swallowed poisons include:

Snail pellets: muscle tremors, vomiting, salivating normally within the hour of ingesting

Rat & mice bait: Usually no symptoms are seen until a few weeks after ingestion, these baits cause internal bleeding. Blood may be seen in the animals faeces, from the gums and severe bruising can occur from any small knock. Once the illness reaches this stage there is no treatment available and death eventually occurs.

Toadfish: muscular paralysis is normally seen hours after ingestion

Go Native

THE SACRED KINGFISHER

Now that it is Autumn we need to be considerate of our native birds such as the Sacred Kingfisher. This species of bird breeds between September to December, although if conditions are favourable this can be extended to March so they may still breed throughout the beginning of Autumn.

These birds are distributed throughout Australia except for arid regions, they inhabit woodlands, forests and they are common and familiar throughout coastal regions.

The sacred king Fisher forages mainly on the land, feeding on crustaceans, reptiles, insects, and occasionally capture prey in water.

The voice of the Sacred King Fisher is a loud 'Ek ek ek ek", repeated continuously throughout breeding, and also 'Ke Ke ke" in excitement.



POPULAR PET NAMES

The top 10 popular pet names in our Hospital are:

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| 1. Jessie | 1. Max |
| 2. Chloe | 2. Jack |
| 3. Molly | 3. Sam |
| 4. Bella | 4. Buddy |
| 5. Missy | 5. Charlie |

Make sure you check out our updated website:
www.mthuttonvet.com.au

DO TABLETS TURN WORMING YOUR DOG INTO A WRESTLING MATCH?

DRONTAL HAS RELEASED A NEW LIVER FLAVOURED CHEWABLE ALLWORMER.

We have these chewable tablets in stock if you would like to try giving your dog a treat instead of a treatment!

1 per 10kg or 1 per 35kg chews available to suit small and large breeds.

Introductory offer of a money back guarantee if your dog doesn't like it!



Small Dog



Large Dog

Meet the Staff - Dr Ray Burton

It's been almost thirteen years since Dr Ray Burton opened his small one man Veterinary Clinic in the rustic community of Mount Hutton. The paddocks and horses have long since disappeared, replaced by villas and new houses, but Ray has remained, gradually expanding his small Vet Clinic and meeting and coming to know many interesting people and their equally unique pets. Many of these pets have grown from infancy to maturity with Ray over the years. Now in 2006, after a major facelift for the surgery and a visit from Dr Harry Cooper in 2003, the practice is running smoothly with wonderful staff and a friendly work environment. Even though running a one man practice is an all consuming occupation, it is hoped that more time can now be devoted to other interests and relaxation.

Ray is an avid reptile enthusiast, having covered the length and breadth of Australia in search of all manner of snakes. Only the fierce snake and the Green python have eluded him, despite numerous attempts to find them. Traveling the vast reaches of Australia has been a source of immense pleasure. Sadly, the arrival of children has ceased his travels, with unfortunately none of his three children showing equal enthusiasm. Ray has been an avid but alas, unlucky fisherman for his entire life. He has recently acquired a boat to improve his chances but the fish are equally allusive and the kids won't get off the skis or out of the donut.



He also loves Pontiac cars with a 1977 Firebird being his pride and joy. Nicholas thinks it will make a good first car for him but that's not likely.

For exercise, kick boxing is good fun and provides a weekly work out (often neglected by his need to consume Chang beer). All aspects of nature appeal to Ray, especially all forms of Reptiles and birds, the more venomous the snake, the more appealing. Two Death Adder bites have not dimmed his enthusiasm for his beloved snakes, collecting venomous snakes is certainly good practice for avoiding dog and cat bites. The challenge and variety of Veterinary practice keeps Ray energized and provides a new challenge every day. His enthusiasm has not dimmed and he looks forward to each new day. Heaven, though, would be collecting snakes in his Pontiac, towing his boat, in the company of his loving wife and three children.



Puppy Pre – School

Due to demand Jodi has started an additional weeknight class. The Saturday classes are still available with Tenealle.

Call us to find out the next available class and to book your puppies spot as there is only a limited number per class.

This is "Buster" a Puppy Pre-school graduate in his graduation tuxedo.

Have a Safe and Happy Easter
From all the Staff at Mount Hutton Pet Hospital