

Paws, Claws and More

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Paralysis Ticks

Spring is a warm and wonderful time of year however the warmer weather brings paralysis ticks. While paralysis ticks can appear throughout winter and autumn they love the warm weather spring and summer bring and come out during these seasons in abundance.

Paralysis Ticks are among the most dangerous parasites that can affect both your dog and cat, and kill many pets per year. The reason why these

little parasites are so harmful to our pets is because they produce a toxin in their salivary glands, which is then injected while the tick is feeding on the animal's blood. They are light grey in colour. The signs to look out for are weakness in the hind legs, vomiting, not wanting to eat, a change in their voice and difficulty in breathing.

The paralysis tick can be distinguished from other species by the colour of their legs - one brown pair, two white pairs and one brown pair.

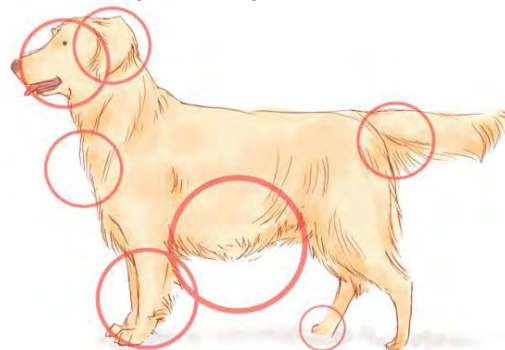
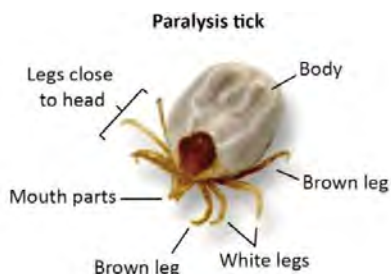
Prevention is crucial, For dogs we recommend - Preventic tick collars, Advantix (dogs only household), Nexgard chewables, Frontline top spot and spray.

For cats we recommend frontline spray ONLY. FREE OFFER – when you purchase frontline spray from Mount Hutton Pet Hospital, our friendly staff will spray your cat free of charge.

Although these reduce the risk, nothing is 100% effective therefore checking your pet over every day is still required.

Ticks are more generally found on the head neck and shoulders, around the face (commonly in the ears), under their collar, tail and arm pits where it's dark and warm and in between toes. However they can be found all over your pets body so daily tick checks are required.

If you find a tick, don't interfere with it or put on any chemicals that may kill the tick which causes it to inject the poison into your pet, ring the clinic for advice. We can also demonstrate and explain a safe removal in the event of future tick attachments.



Pet Insurance

Why it is important

As your pet is a very important part of your family, getting the very best treatment for them, if they are injured or fall ill, is vital – for both you and them. However, veterinary bills can be extremely expensive so you could be in for a shock when it comes time to pay!

If you have pet insurance in place, you can get the treatment your fur-baby deserves, knowing you have the insurance to help you with the cost. After all, the last thing you want to be worrying about if your pet needs a vet, is how you will manage to pay for the treatment.

When can I insure my pet?

Puppies can get into lots of mischief – and you never know when you are going to need the vet. Arranging a pet insurance policy early means, you can avoid the costly burden of visiting the vet and avoid exclusion for having a pre-existing condition. Policies can usually start as soon as your fur-baby is 8 weeks old.

How do I go about finding a Pet Insurance Company?

There are many different Pet Insurance Companies; the best way to find out which one works best for you is to do your research. Even some human Health Insurance companies can offer a pet policy as well and if you are a member, they may even give you a discount.

Firstly, find out what package would work best for your situation, e.g. Accident Cover only, Accident & Illness Cover or Accident & Illness with Wellness Care included. Are you going to need tick paralysis treatment or dental treatment included?

If you would like further information about different Pet Insurance Companies follow the link to the Canstar website <https://www.canstar.com.au/pet-insurance/>.



Go Native! - Spotted Pardalote

The Spotted Pardalote is one of Australia's smallest birds and also one of its most colourful. It is only 9 to 10 cm in length and weighs about 6 gms. Due to its feeding habits of picking small insects from the leaves of eucalypts in the upper branches, it is rarely seen and more likely to be identified by its distinctive call. The most unique feature the Pardalote is its habit of nesting in a small chamber lined with bark chips at the end of a tunnel in the bank of a river, roadside or similar position. The tunnel is from 0.5 to 1.5 metres long and protects the eggs from larger predators. In appearance the Pardalote has black wings, tail and head that is covered by small distinct white spots. It has a yellow throat and red rump. The Spotted Pardalote is found from Cooktown in Nth QLD through southern and eastern Australia to Perth in WA. It is mainly located in coastal areas and extends its range to the western slopes of the Great Dividing Range. It is found mostly in suitable forests and woodlands but also parks and gardens with suitable eucalypt trees. This tiny bird is relatively common but rarely seen and its status is secure at the moment but is becoming scarce in urban areas. It is found throughout the Hunter in coastal forests with a eucalypt canopy.



Staff Profile – Our New Ambulance

In 2007 we said goodbye to our old Pet Ambulance and welcomed out new one.

At Mount Hutton Pet Hospital, we understand that your pet may need to be seen at home so we are happy to provide house visits in required. Also, if you find it hard to get your furry friend to the clinic we can organize one of our lovely nurses to pick up your pet and take them to their consultation.

Bookings are essential as pickups and house consultations may be difficult to arrange on short notice. House calls will incur additional costs and treatment may be limited due to fewer facilities.



Our New Ambulance



Saying goodbye to our old Ambulance



Breed Bio - Border Collie



The Border Collie is a working and herding dog breed originating in the Anglo-Scottish border region for herding livestock, especially sheep.

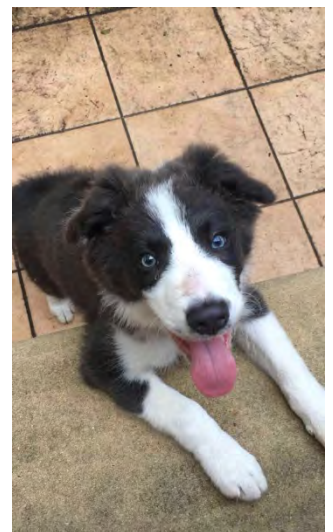
Considered highly intelligent, extremely energetic, acrobatic and athletic, they frequently compete with great success in sheepdog trials and flyball competitions.

In general, Border Collies are medium-sized dogs with a moderate amount of coat, which is most often thick and sheds often. They have a double coat that varies from smooth to rough and is occasionally curly.

Whilst black and white is most commonly seen colour pattern of the Border Collie, the breed appears in just about any colour and pattern known to occur in dogs.

Eye colour varies from brown to blue, and occasionally eyes of differing colour occur; this is usually seen with merles.

Border Collies require considerably more daily physical exercise and mental stimulation than many other breeds due to their working history and due to this history Border Collies are very demanding, playful, and energetic. They thrive best in households that can provide them with plenty of play and exercise, either with humans or other dogs.



The Burtons Volunteered in the Cook Islands



The Ester Honey Foundation

In July of this year, Dr Ray, Donna and Emily ventured to the Cook Islands to volunteer at the Ester Honey Foundation, the only veterinary clinic in the Cook Islands. It provides medical care to all types of animals, from dogs and cats to goats and pigs. The clinic was founded in 1995 after the founder, Cathy Sue, visited the island and found no veterinary facilities for the thousands of animal

residents there. The clinic was developed from scratch, with all facilities and equipment donated from around the world. Over 40,000 animals have been treated since.

The clinic is only able to operate due to the generous donations of supplies and time by people from across the world. Our wonderful sponsors were able to supply suitcases full of supplies to take over. This included much needed bandaging supplies, medications and surgical equipment that was well used during our time there.

While there we managed to do 30 speys, 15 castrates, rehome 15 animals, perform 4 orthopaedic surgeries, remove 2 eyes and stitch up numerous wounds. In total we treated over 150 animals in 3 weeks.



These are only some of the donated supplies we were able to take with us

We also had a stall at the markets on a Saturday where we educated the public and tourists about the clinic and asked for donations to try and keep the clinic running. It was an extremely rewarding experience and we all hope to go back in the future.











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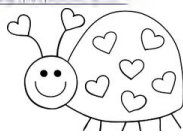
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Spring Word Scramble







Look at each spring picture and unscramble the letters and write the spring word on the line provided.

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Spring Has Arrived Sudoku

Cut out pieces below. Remember that no row, column, or box can have the same picture more than once.

BUSY MOM'S helpers

