

St Bernards Buzz

more exciting news...

We have welcomed another veterinarian to our wonderful team - Dr Chandana Neelawathura and his family have moved back to Adelaide from Melbourne to be part of the St Bernard's veterinary team. He is a very experienced veterinarian, who had most recently been working for the RSPCA in Melbourne. As a family they decided that the lifestyle in Adelaide is far better for a young family, and fortunately they have all moved back from Melbourne. Chandana has a particular interest in Surgery and will be expanding the surgical services which can be offered at St Bernard's Road Veterinary Clinic. Please make Chandana feel welcome when you see him - although he is not convinced about wearing a pink shirt!

We are running a Facebook promotion this month - if you visit the clinic and "like" our Facebook page while at the clinic we have a special treat for you - or rather for your dog or cat. We have some wonderful patient photos and stories on our Facebook page to give you some insight into the very special "fur-babies" who we look after at St Bernard's Road Veterinary Clinic.

Just to give you the heads up, we will be focusing on Dental Health during August. It is so important to remember that "Healthy Smile = Healthy Pet" and that oral disease causes our pets significant pain, discomfort and adverse health outcomes. We are offering FREE Dental Health checks with our wonderful nursing team during August.

is your pet over the hill?

The thought might not have even crossed your mind ... **but could your pet be starting to show his age?**

Most people are not aware that cats and dogs are generally considered 'senior' after the age of about 8 years. Whilst the majority of our furry friends are well off showing ANY signs of slowing down at this age, there are a few things you need to watch out for.

Obvious changes might include grey hairs around the muzzle, the occasional accident around the house, hearing loss or stiff legs. Beyond the changes you can see, there can be a slowing metabolism and changing nutritional requirements.

So if you have a senior pet, it's important to arrange more regular check ups with us. We will watch for trends in your pet's weight, check they don't have sore joints and examine them for new lumps or bumps. A thorough dental check, eye check and heart check is also important for a senior pet.

We may also suggest blood tests, urine tests and blood pressure measurements to make sure that, internally, all is going along nicely. **If you have a senior pet call us and arrange a check up today - we can help your pet live a longer and healthier life.**

heating up the fleas...

He brought the fleas in the house!!! **Fleas love winter.** Why? Because their eggs love a warm house to hatch in!

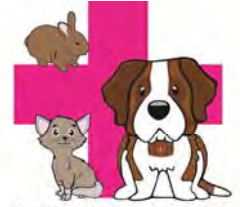


NOOOOO -- she Did !!!!!

If you've suddenly noticed your dog is itching or your cat is over grooming or, heaven forbid, you have itchy ankles, it could be FLEAS!

Flea eggs require a warm temperature to hatch so if you've turned the heating on to keep warm you might have turned on flea hatching too.

That's why it's super important to apply flea treatment all year round.



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patient of the month

Lilly is a gorgeous Golden Retriever puppy who was not quite her normal self over the June long weekend. She developed vomiting and diarrhoea and when Dr Jenni saw her at St Bernard's Road Veterinary Clinic after the long weekend she was still trying very hard to be a bright and bouncy puppy, but her stomach was bloated and uncomfortable. She was admitted into hospital for x-rays which showed a possible bowel obstruction. She was referred for an ultrasound, which confirmed that she had an intussusception - where one section of the small bowel telescopes inside itself and causes a functional obstruction. Lilly was rushed into surgery and her intussusception was corrected without the need to remove any of her bowel - she was a very lucky young lady



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