

# St Bernards Buzz

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We would like to wish you all a very Yappy New Year and hope 2021 is off to a good start for you and your pets. Now that the weather is warming up we need to be vigilant about the effect this could have on the health of our pets. Where possible, keep your pets inside during the extreme weather conditions, and make sure they have access to cold water. If your pets can't be inside, then a paddling pool placed in the shade is a great option for them to keep their cool. Dogs also like digging themselves a cool burrow to avoid the heat – try to be tolerant of your backyard being turned into a 'moonscape' by your dog in the hot weather.

Do your best to keep cool too and we look forward to seeing you in 2021!

## Cat Friendly Clinic

**isfm** international cat care

**Celebrating 4 years as a Cat Friendly Clinic**

Presented in 2020 to  
**St Bernard's Road Veterinary Clinic**

ISFM is the veterinary division of International Cat Care (www.catcare.org), a charity working towards a world where all cats, owned and unowned, are treated with care, compassion and understanding.

The ISFM Cat Friendly Clinic Programme is produced in partnership with:

We were very excited when our Cat Friendly Clinic certification arrived recently! This shows we were successful with the reaccreditation process and have retained our silver status. At St Bernards Road Veterinary Clinic we are passionate about giving cats the best possible experience when visiting us. Cat Friendly Clinic is a worldwide programme managed by the International Society of Feline Medicine, the veterinary division of the charity International Cat Care. It's recognised that because of their unique nature and needs, taking cats to visit a veterinary clinic can be very stressful, both for cats and owners.

The Cat Friendly Clinic programme is designed to help address these issues by creating more cat friendly veterinary clinics and so reducing the stress for cats and making veterinary visits easier for cat owners as well.



## Amazing Flea Facts

Fleas have been around for 100 million years, and they have been found as fossils dating back to the dinosaur period!

- Fleas can live without a blood meal for 100 days
- Female fleas consume 15 x their body weight in blood daily
- After a meal, eggs are laid within 36 hours
- One female flea can lay 2000 eggs in her lifetime (usually 2 -3- months)
- Fleas can jump 200 x their own body length – that's equivalent to a human jumping more than 3000 metres!

Fleas love the warmer weather so make sure you keep up with regular prevention over summer. You don't want these little critters setting up camp on your pets!

Ask us for the most suitable product for your pet.

## Patient of the Month



Jim

Jim the 7 month old Beagle came to visit us because he had 3 retained deciduous puppy teeth that needed to be removed. Deciduous teeth are a temporary set of puppy teeth which start to form between 3-6 weeks of age. Similar to our baby teeth we expect these teeth to fall out to make room for adult teeth. However, In Jim's case he retained 3 deciduous teeth. We removed these teeth for Jim to avoid a high risk of permanent problems and discomfort such as overcrowding and future dental disease issues.

