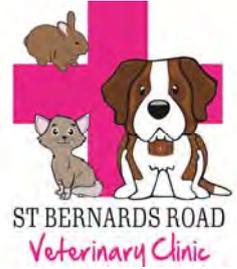


# St Bernards Buzz



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## ship shape for summer...



To encourage all of our patients to trim up for Summer (we all like to look nice in a bikini!), with the support of Hills, we have some special introductory Metabolic diet packs available. The packs contain both Metabolic Dry food and Metabolic Wet food. We have 10 packs available, with a total saving of at least \$20.00 per pack off the normal retail price.

The Hills Metabolic range of diets are amazing when it comes to enabling our patients to loose weight - we have had more success with these diets than any others which have been on the market. Metabolic is clinically proven to safely provide 28% body fat loss in dogs in two months and 29% body fat loss in cats in two months.

If you are concerned about your pet's weight please call into the clinic and we can talk to you about the options we have available, including Metabolic diet.

## top tips for bathing your dog

We thought we'd share *our top tips for making bath time easier* with your pooch.

- 1. Choose the right shampoo** - never use human shampoo (even baby shampoo) as it's the wrong pH for your pooch. If your dog is itchy, oily or has sensitive skin, we can recommend the most suitable shampoo for your dog.
- 2. Pop some cotton wool in your dog's ears** to prevent any water sneaking into the canal - don't forget to take it out after you've finished.
- 3. Provide a non slip surface** - put a towel on the bottom of the bath, or a non slip mat to help your dog feel more secure and prevent slipping.
- 4. Place a towel over your dog** to prevent water going everywhere when the inevitable shake occurs.
- 5. Jam some steel wool in the plug hole** to catch the wet fur and make cleaning up easier.

If you need any more information about bathing your dog you can always ask us for the most up to date advice. We'll even make sure your dog is clean enough to sleep in *your* bed!

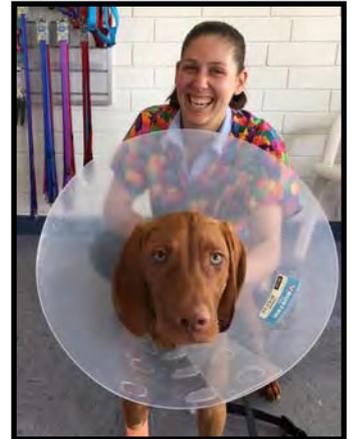


## can i bath my cat?

When it comes to cats and water, things can get pretty hairy! Most cats hate being immersed in water and find the bath an incredibly stressful experience.

Thankfully **you don't really need to bathe your feline friend** as they are equipped to take care of their own personal hygiene. They have a rough surface on the top of their tongue that acts as a brush.

Having said that, some cats are better at grooming themselves than others so **you may need to groom your cat from time to time** to help remove dead hair and prevent matting. This is especially the case with longer haired cats. Matting can cause pain and discomfort, and in some cases, your cat may need sedation to have any matting clipped off safely. You should **NEVER wash your cat in a flea shampoo** as these are almost always pyrethrin based and **ARE POISONOUS TO CATS**. You should also be aware that dogs bathed in pyrethrin shampoos can be a source of poison for your cat .



## patient of the month

Parker is a very energetic 18 week old Hungarian Vizla puppy who managed to get himself into some trouble a fortnight ago. He decided that eating stones was a good life plan, however we all know that although stones might go in easily at one end, they don't necessarily come out the other. Parker presented to Dr Chandana because he had been vomiting overnight and a little lethargic compared to normal. He vomited up some stones, confirming that he had definitely been eating stones.

We admitted Parker into hospital and took some x-rays to find that he had a large stone stuck in the start of his small bowel. Dr Chandana took him to surgery to remove the stone, which went well and he has made a great recovery. The biggest challenge has been trying to keep him quiet and still during his recovery.

Please Parker - NO MORE

