

St Bernards Buzz

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Cupcake Week



During the last week of October, the aprons were on and we were busy baking for the RSCPA. The RSCPA provides shelter, care and treatment to mistreated, neglected and abused animals. Each day we had fresh cupcakes for sale, not just for those with a sweet tooth but for the dogs as well!

Thank you to everyone who supported Cupcake Week in some way – baking, buying, eating or donating.

We raised over \$160 which was a great effort!

Our staff all helped by buying and eating their fair share too! Who is it that thinks they put on a kg in cupcakes and cheesecake?

Ivy



Ivy is a cheeky 9-month-old domestic short hair cat who came to see us because she was limping on her left back leg. After a thorough examination it was decided the next step for her was to take some X-rays. The X-rays showed that Ivy had fractured her back left tibia. Fortunately, due to Ivy's age, the break was able to heal on its own with lots of rest and pain relief. If this was not found when it was, surgery most likely would have been needed.

Now that her leg has healed completely, Ivy can go back to being her normal cheeky self.

Don't Turn a Blind Eye to Vaccination

Why is vaccination so important?

Protects against preventable diseases – many dangerous and fatal diseases are completely avoidable with the correct vaccinations.

Boarding – if you ever plan to board your cat or dog they must be up to date with their vaccinations.

Vaccinations save money – they are substantially less expensive than the cost of treatment for the diseases they prevent against.

Visits to the vet hospital – if your pet needs to stay in hospital he needs to be vaccinated. If your pet is sick, his immune system may already be compromised so you want to know he is protected.



Now is the time to get your pets' vaccination up to date if they are boarding over the Christmas holidays. If your pets' vaccinations have lapsed, they will need 2 vaccinations four weeks apart and possibly need to wait another 2 weeks before allowing to board depending on the boarding facilities' requirements.

Please call us to organise a vaccination and health plan for your pet.

Creating the Best Cat Toilet

When it comes to the loo, cats can be fastidious. They tend to like a quiet and private area (who doesn't?) and most prefer plenty of soil to cover things up. **If your cat uses a litter tray, there are some golden rules you should follow to prevent any problems.**

- ◆ Provide a tray for every cat in the house plus an additional tray – two cats should have three trays
- ◆ Place the tray in a quiet area - 1 tray per area
- ◆ Remove faeces daily and change the litter entirely every 2-3 days
- ◆ Never use cleaning chemicals in the tray – rinse with warm water
- ◆ Don't use fragrant litter or plastic liners as cats hate these

Some cats hate a covered tray as it traps the smell, while others prefer the security. You might need to see what works for your cat by providing several options. Remember cats are very clean creatures and prefer deep litter and a large tray to toilet so they can bury their business – this is usually why a sandpit is very attractive. **See us if your cat isn't using a litter tray correctly as there may be other issues complicating the problem.**

