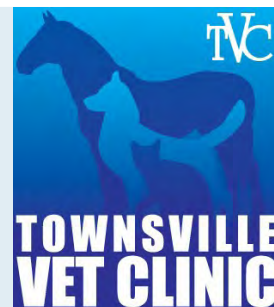


TOWNSVILLE VETERINARY CLINIC AND NORTH QUEENSLAND SPECIALIST EQUINE SERVICE



Phone: 07 4779 0233 (24 hour emergency service)

FREE MICROCHIPPING
FOR THE MONTH OF
DECEMBER WITH ANY
VACCINATION



Sometimes our pets wander into unfamiliar surroundings and become lost. When your pet is found it can easily be scanned for a microchip and you can be reunited with your lost pet. Just microchipping your pet isn't enough - you need to register the microchip and your current contact details so your pet's home can be found.

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TRADING HOURS OVER THE HOLIDAY PERIOD:

24 December OPEN 8am-4pm
25 December - CLOSED
26 December - CLOSED
27 December - OPEN 8am-12.30pm
28 December - CLOSED
29 December - OPEN 8am-6pm
30 December - OPEN 8am-6pm
31 December - OPEN 8am to 4pm
1 January 2015 - CLOSED
2 January - OPEN 8am-6pm
3 January - OPEN 8am-5pm

Returning to normal consulting hours on
5 January 2015!!



CHRISTMAS GIFT VOUCHERS AVAILABLE



FIRST AID KITS

Do you have your first aid kit stocked with what is needed if your pet requires first aid? Purchase your small and large animal first aid kits from Townsville Vet Clinic today which are stocked with everything you will need first aid if your pet runs into trouble

PUPPY PRE-SCHOOL In 2015



□ Puppy Pre School Runs for 3 consecutive weeks on a Tuesday evening.

□ Cost is \$65 per puppy per 3 week course.

□ Your puppy receives a TVC Collar, a Free Bag of Royal Canin Food, and a puppy pack.

□ Our trainers are competent, friendly and experienced staff members of TVC.

□ Please give our friendly receptionists a call to book your puppy in on 4779 0233.

Our next course is due to commence on:
Tuesday 6th January
2015!



BINNIE'S CORNER

Hi there! My name is Binnie Binrat. You may have met me on your most recent visit to the vet or saw me in the last newsletter, look how big I've gotten now!

As you all know I had a rocky start to life but now I am living every dog's dream at Townsville Vet Clinic.

I am now 6 months old, which means I have had all my nasty needles and my

HELPING YOUR PET BEAT THE HEAT THIS SUMMER!

Did you know that animals can get heat stroke, just like people? With this summer's record temperatures, it's an even greater risk than usual.

While *you're* surviving this sizzling summer, make sure that your *pets* are surviving as well.



TIPS FOR HELPING KEEP YOU PET COOL

Here are some tips for keeping your pet safe and comfy through this scorching summertime season:

- Keep plenty of water available for your pet at all times. Make sure the water is cool and fresh, and keep it in the shade. Add a few cubes of ice to your pets' water bowls.
- Older pets are even more susceptible to the heat, so keep a special eye on them. Watch for indications that they are having

trouble breathing.

- Dogs tend to enjoy sitting in the sun. But lots of time spent in the sun can cause heat stroke and increase the risk of skin cancers. So be sure to provide a shady area for your dog at all times.
- Help your dog cool off with a kid's paddling pool. Put just a couple of inches of water in it, and place it in a shady location.
- If your pets can't be in an air-conditioned area, consider placing a fan where it will blow on them.
- Exercise your pets only in the early morning or late evening. Avoid the hottest part of the day.
- Freeze some treats and give them to your pets. It will keep them busy for a while and help cool them down.
- Some longhaired dogs will benefit from a trim. Check with your vet.

SIGNS OF DANGER

Keep an eye on your pets during particularly hot spells; watch for indications that they are having

difficulty with the heat.

Signs that your dog may be in distress due to heat include; vomiting or drooling, fatigue, heavy panting or obvious difficulty breathing, diarrhea, or seizures.



Even if you believe your pet has suffered from only a mild case of heat stroke, and you feel you've treated it successfully, you should still get your pet to a vet. Heat stroke can potentially cause serious internal problems that may not become obvious for some time, possibly even until days after the event.

FUN FACT:

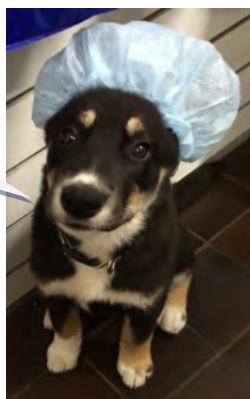
A giraffe can lick its own ears.

SNAKES DURING SUMMER

This time of year snakes are about. To keep you and your pets safe keep your yard clean from rubbish and debris. If you or your pet see a snake, try and keep a watch from a safe distance and call a local licensed snake catcher. Their numbers can be found on the 'Townsville Snake Catchers' Facebook page.

If you suspect your pet has been bitten then get them to a vet clinic ASAP. Do not try and kill the snake or capture it as we do not wish for you to get bitten.

There is a local poster available from LandCare with pictures and details of the snakes found in the Townsville area. If you need advice give Townsville Vet Clinic a call on 47790233. Keep ssssssssafe!



lady parts removed.. Ouch! Lucky for me my mother, Dr Sam, stitched me up and I can now focus on more important things, like those Greenies in reception! Please let all your pups & kittens know how important it is to get vaccinated

WHAT TO NOT FEED YOUR PET OVER CHRISTMAS

Remember not to feed your pets table scraps during the Christmas period. The main concerns are macadamia nuts, onion, garlic, avocado, grapes, fatty ham trimmings, cooked bones and just 50g of chocolate can be toxic and can be fatal to dogs.

You should always remember that pets are not humans and have different digestive systems to us. Make sure any food that you give your pet is keeping with its standard diet. Always take caution when choosing what treats to give your pet. Christmas Plants and Flowers such as Poinsettias,

amaryllis, mistletoe and holly are poisonous to your pets.



Events such as Carols by Candlelight and New Years Eve often include a fireworks display, so caution should be taken during this period as many pets experience distress and anxiety.

FUN FACT:
Otters don't have nipples.

CYCLONE PREPARATION FOR YOUR PETS

Cyclones can be a frightening and dangerous event. A well thought out plan can help reduce the risks and ensure the safety of both pets and owners.

To stay or go - pets

If you decide to stay at home with your pets, bring the animals inside and keep them in a secure room where they are safe and comfortable with an adequate supply of food, water and bedding.

Pets should only be left at home when it is absolutely impossible to move them. In a flood, pets should have shelter on higher ground with an escape route in case water levels rise.

To stay or go - horses

If the stable is well constructed, the horse should be left. If the horse is kept in a paddock, the fences should be in good repair. Large areas with opening adjoining gates to paddocks can provide the horse with the opportunity to get into a fast gallop, where it could panic and go

through or into a smaller fence. Putting a light rug, paddock boots and bell boots on the horse may offer some protection.

Whether the horse is being stabled or in a paddock it should be left with adequate drinking water.

The risks to be considered in the event of a cyclone include:

Location and accessibility of the property.
Condition and placement of the stable, yards and fences.

Amount of available resources to combat a cyclone or flood.

A horse's training also needs to be considered well in advance of a disaster, particularly if the horse is hard to catch or difficult to load. Training the horse as the disaster is approaching could prove to be difficult or even fatal.

Pack your emergency pet pack

An emergency pet pack should contain:
Food and water for a mini-

FAREWELL HEATHER

It is with great sadness that we announce Dr Heather D'Mello is moving on from Townsville Vet Clinic. We would all like to wish her every success and happiness in her new venture.



mum of three days.
Food and water bowls.
Collar and lead.
Blankets, towels and bedding.
Pet first aid items and essential medicines.
Pet medical history and veterinary contacts.
An emergency horse pack should contain:
Food and water for a minimum three days.
Feed buckets.
Blankets and towels.
Extra lead rope and halter.
Wire cutters
Torch, portable radio and fresh batteries
Equine first aid items.
All animals should have detailed identification and if the horse is branded, registered or micro-chipped, the information should be kept with the emergency pack. Other methods of identification include painting the owner's name and phone number on the horse with livestock grease crayons or painting it on their hooves.
Please be prepared!

NEW PRODUCT:

NexGard[®]
(afoxolaner) Chewables

From the makers of FRONTLINE[®] Plus

NexGard kills both fleas and ticks.

It's flea and tick protection recommended by vets.

From the makers of FRONTLINE Plus, now comes the first flea and tick killer in a beef-flavoured chew.

NexGard for dogs kills adult fleas before they lay eggs, and kills ticks, too. All in a delicious, soft chew that dogs love.



The fast-acting formulation is safe and effective for a full 30 days.

NexGard soft chew is FDA-approved and proven safe for use in dogs.

It contains an ingredient, afoxolaner, that helps treat and control fleas and ticks and keeps killing for a full 30 days.

So it helps provide protection you can feel good about.



ASK OUR VETS FOR MORE INFORMATION!

FUN FACT:
A blue whales fart bubbles are large enough to enclose a horse.



THINGS TO COME IN 2015!

- NEW VETS
- NEW NURSES
- EXCITING PROMOTIONS
- NEW PRODUCTS

STAFF PROFILE—BELINDA

Dr Belinda Leslie joined the TVC family 28 years ago after graduating from the Queensland University in 1983.

Belinda is one of TVC's most esteemed vets as she is always looking to further her knowledge of the animal world. Belinda spends her days off, unlike others, furthering her studies to keep up to date with surgical procedures and medicines. Just recently she has completed a course in Emergency Neurology as well as the Fresh Water Aquarium/Pond Management. So now if you have a sick goldfish, Dr Belinda is your lady!



Our kooky vet Belinda is a lady of many talents, with one of her many passions being creepy crawly reptiles & feathered friends. Belinda has had a lot of experience working to rehabilitate injured and mistreated wildlife. Self titled "genius", Belinda is your go to with her expertise in orthopedic & soft tissue surgeries. Her experi-

enced hands have helped to enrich the lives of many family pets. But it's not all work, she does enjoy some down time. You can normally find Belinda walking her pooches down the Strand and often cooling off from the Townsville summer swimming! Not to mention enjoying a sneaky wine here or there!

If you would like your pet to see Belinda, speak to our friendly receptionists.



FUN FACT:

Wombat poo are cubed shaped to stop them rolling away.

DO YOU HAVE YOUR FREE TVC IDENTIFICATION TAG?

There is nothing worse than having your family pet go walk about. We offer a free form of identification to help bring them home to you quickly.

It is a council regulation to have all pets microchipped and registered.

To avoid a council fine pick up a free TVC tag at your next consult.

