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Christmas & New Years TRADING HOURS 2019

Tuesday 24th December - 8:00am - 6:00pm
Wednesday 25th December - Closed
Thursday 26th December - Closed
Friday 27th December - 8:00am - 6:00pm
Saturday 28th December - 8:00am- 12:00pm Noon
Sunday 29th December - Closed
Monday 30th December - 8:00am - 6:00pm
Tuesday 31st December - 8:00am - 6:00pm
Wednesday 1st January 2020 - Closed
Thursday 2nd January - 8:00-7:00pm
Hours will resume as normal

**FOR ALL EMERGENCIES
AFTERHOURS PLEASE CALL**

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Merry Christmas to all our lovely clients and our furry friends too!

We hope you all have a relaxing, happy and safe festive season. To ensure you don't run out of any important pet supplies please take note of the dates above, the clinic will be closed on the public holidays only.

We will have a Veterinarian on call if you need us for any emergencies while we are closed.



Puppy Pre School

Congratulations to the puppies who have graduated from the November Puppy Pre School Class.

Xante
Bentley
Coco
Dusty
Ollie

To view all the adorable graduation photos please visit our [website](#).

What will my puppy gain from Puppy Pre School?

Your puppy will gain valuable social skills by simply interacting with other puppies and people. These skills the pup develops it will use for life. Your puppy will learn how to interact with lots of people, loud noises and children and even a visit to the vet will become fun rather than something to shake about. Your puppy will develop into a friendly, educated, confident adult dog.

How will I benefit?

Owning a dog will be enjoyable rather than a chore. Having an obedient, well socialised dog is much more pleasant and stress free. You will also gain knowledge in all areas of pet care from dental, nutrition, solving behavioural problems, toilet training and lots, lots more. Weekly freebies and samples to take home for the puppy. For more information please visit our [website](#).



Hip Hip Hooray!!

A BIG Happy Birthday to our current Healthcare members who will be celebrating in December:

Tramp - 12 years old
Lucy - 13 years old
Chewy - 12 years old

MBVC Healthcare plans are available for cats and dogs of all ages! If you would like some more info on our Healthcare Plans please [Contact Us](#) or read more on our [website](#).

Here you will find how the plan could help you to provide comprehensive preventative healthcare for your pet, spread the cost and take advantage of special offers for Pet Healthcare Members.



All new healthcare plans!!

There has been no better time to join your pets up to our healthcare plans.

We have made some changes and they now include FREE UNLIMITED Vet and Nurse standard consultations.

There is a special entry plan for Puppies and Kittens, and an adult plan which includes all the preventative healthcare needs such as vaccinations and dental care.

The plans can still be paid via automatic monthly direct deposits at no extra cost (or in full if you would prefer).

Sign up now to start using all the benefits and get your welcome pack full of goodies!

Take a look at the plans on our [website](#) and be sure to ask any questions you may have. View the brochure [here](#). Read the terms and conditions [here](#).

Keep your pet safe this Christmas



Christmas is a risky time for your pet. There is lots of food around, people, parties and changes in routine - so you may not be able to keep an eye on your pet as much as usual. To help keep your pet safe this festive season, here are a few things to keep at the front of your mind:

Dinner time can be dangerous!

Keep all human and party food away from your pet - leftovers are notorious for causing upset tummies and episodes of pancreatitis. Don't forget that chocolate, grapes, raisins and sultanas are all poisonous to dogs. Never feed your pet cooked bones and if you are having a BBQ, watch out for meat skewers that are very attractive to our pets but extremely dangerous if ingested.

Keep your paws off!

Don't leave edible gifts (such as a box of chocolates) under the tree as you may have a furry friend who chooses to unwrap and consume them! Keep cats away from the sweet-smelling Christmas lilies - as ingestion of any part of these plants can lead to acute kidney failure.

Christmas decorations are better left alone

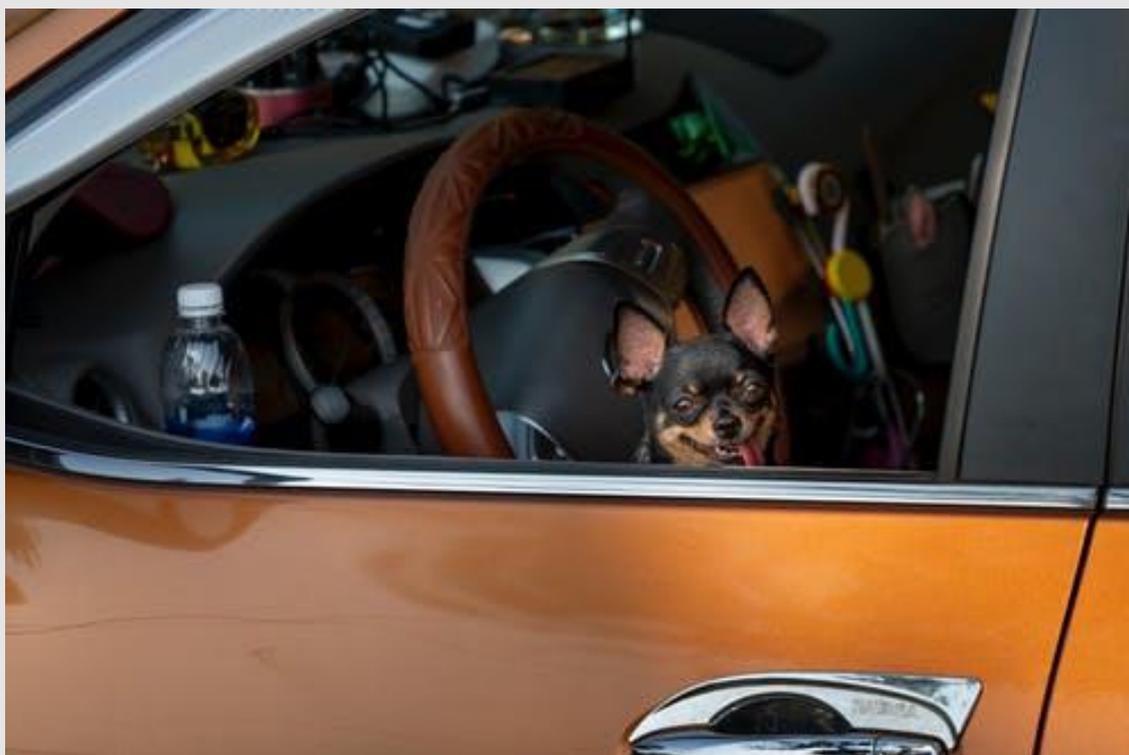
Secure your Christmas tree so it doesn't tip or fall, especially if your cat enjoys climbing! Cats are also attracted to tinsel, string and sparkly decorations but if swallowed, these can cause a gastrointestinal obstruction.

Festive fireworks and summer storms can be scary

As a minimum, if you know fireworks are scheduled or there's a storm on the way, plan ahead. Keep your dog indoors with a television or radio turned up. Make sure all windows are closed and all exits are secure and if possible have a family member stay with your dog for security.

If you are concerned about your dog's anxiety, come and speak to us as we will be able to offer you more advice and information.

Top tips for traveling with your pet this Summer



As we all gear up for the summer holidays it's important to take a moment to think about your pet. If you are traveling with your furry friend, there are a few questions you need to ask yourself to help keep your pet safe and happy.

+ Is your pet healthy? Is there anything you need to get checked out before you go? A change in thirst or urination patterns might indicate an underlying disease. Smelly breath can be a sign of a painful tooth. You don't want to take your pet on a road trip if they are unwell or in pain. Arrange a checkup with us before you go for peace of mind.

+ Are your pet's microchip details up to date? Pets can become lost in an unfamiliar area so you should confirm your pet is microchipped and all the details associated with the chip (such as your address and phone number) are up to date.

+ Is your pet on any special medication or a prescription diet? Do you have enough for the trip? Do we need to do a special order for you to help get you through? If your pet is on any compounded medication you may need to allow extra time for this to be prepared. And if your pet is on a prescription diet, do you have enough to last while you are away?

+ Are your pet's vaccinations and parasite prevention up to date? Are you visiting a potentially deadly paralysis tick area and is your pet protected? Is your pet protected against heartworm, fleas and biting flies? We can advise you on the most effective parasite prevention for your pet.

+ Are you traveling to an area where there might be snakes? Make sure you know the signs of snake bite are, where the local vet is and who to call after-hours if there is an emergency - it's a good idea to put their phone number in your mobile contacts.

Happy travels furry friends!

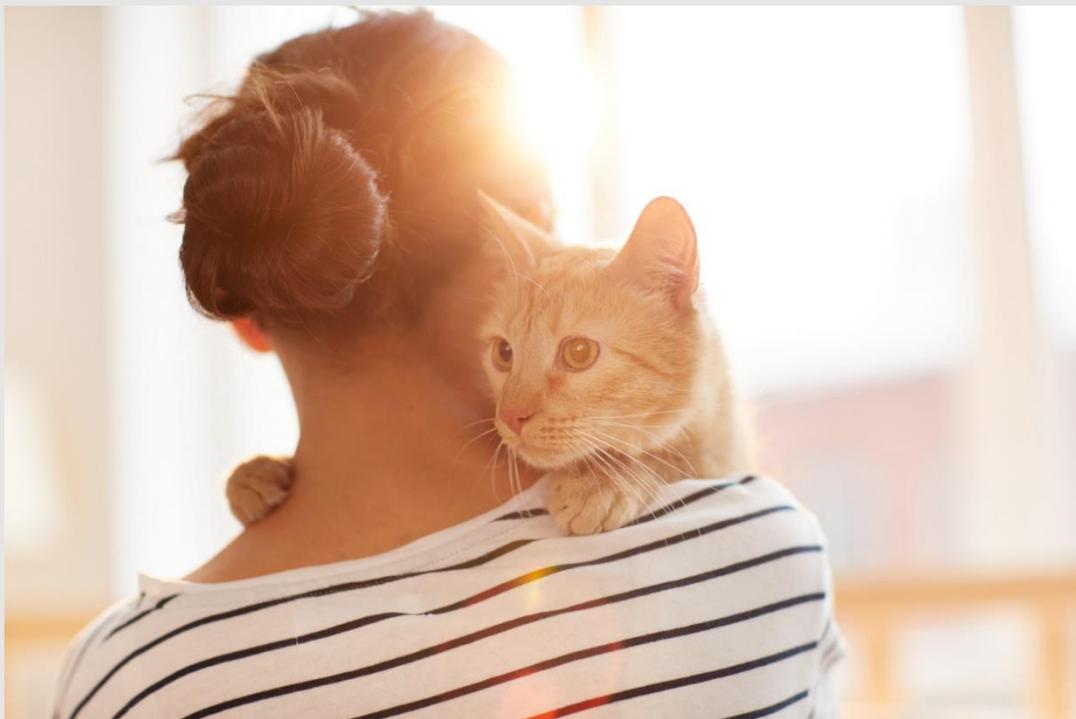
How to decorate a Christmas tree



It's that time of the year again! Time to get out the decorations and Christmas lights and put up the tree! Take a look at this super helpful dog and let us know how you like to celebrate the festive season with your pet via our Facebook page.

Check out the video [here](#).

The truth about Toxoplasmosis



Toxoplasmosis is one of the most well known zoonotic diseases - meaning it can be transmitted from animals to humans. The problem is, there's heaps of misinformation out there and some of it leads to unnecessary concern and anxiety for cat owners.

Toxoplasmosis is caused by infection with *Toxoplasma gondii* (T gondii), a coccidian parasite that is present around the world. Cats can be infected with the parasite but *research shows that owning a cat does not increase your risk of being infected by this parasite*. The majority of human infections are thought to occur through the ingestion of undercooked meat (containing tissue cysts) or contaminated fruit or vegetables that have come in contact with contaminated soil.

Although the risk of transmission of T gondii from a cat to its owner is very low, it can be reduced further by following these recommendations:

- + People in 'high risk' groups (e.g. pregnant women, immunosuppressed individuals, young children) should not have contact with or handle the cat's litter tray
- + Wear gloves when handling cat litter and wash hands thoroughly after cleaning a litter tray
- + Empty litter trays daily and dispose of litter safely
- + Cover children's sandpits when not in use to prevent cats using them as litter trays
- + Feed only properly cooked food or commercial cat food to your cat to avoid infection
- + Fruit and vegetables should be thoroughly washed before eating
- + Meat should be cooked to a minimum of 58°C for 10 minutes or 61°C.
- + Microwaving is not safe as the heating is uneven
- + Freeze meat at -12°C to -20°C for three days before consumption

If you have any questions or need more information we are always here to help.

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