

HAMILTON SMALL ANIMAL VETERINARY CENTRE

Monthly Newsletter



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Recently added a new puppy or kitten to your family?

Tips for keeping your new addition happy and healthy

There are a lot of things to think about when adding a new kitten or puppy to your family, we are more than happy to answer your questions and give advice as to what is required to help keep your new family pet happy and healthy.

Vaccinations are so important to keep your pet healthy, and generally boosters are required for these at a young age, we can vaccinate your kitten, puppy or rabbit. Unfortunately, there is a massive parvovirus outbreak among unvaccinated puppies and dogs in Auckland currently and we have started seeing cases in the Waikato also this summer, please give our team a call to enquire and book your puppy in for their parvovirus vaccination as this virus can be fatal and costly to treat if contracted, prevention is key.

Our team are happy to give advice on vaccinations, worming, flea treatment, microchipping your pets and when to desex your new pet, feel free to give our Reception team a call on (07) 849 2963 for a chat or to make a booking.

Now is also the right time to consider pet insurance for your new puppy or kitten, this can be very helpful in case of illness or serious accidents, we all know kittens and puppies can get themselves into trouble and pet insurance can help take some of the financial stress away.



Does your cat stress when travelling in the car?

Tips to help make it less stressful for everyone

Does your cat disappear as soon as they see their cat carrier? Here are some tips to try which may help.

Place your carrier in an elevated, secure location at home where it can be seen by your cat and is easily accessible to them. This allows it to become part of the furniture.

Place comfortable bedding inside to encourage them to enter so it becomes a place of refuge and comfort. They can pop in and out of it as they please.

If you have a new kitten, it's important to start their relationship with your cat carrier as positively as possible.

Always transport your cat in a robust carrier with comfortable bedding, that ideally opens from the front and top. Your cat will feel more secure if you cover the carrier with a towel or blanket.

If your cat doesn't enter the carrier, you should calmly and gently lower them into the carrier through the top opening. If your cat is really unwilling, you can wrap them in a thick towel then lower both the cat and the towel in.

While walking and driving try to keep the carrier as still and secure as possible, so they are not shaken about or frightened.

Take them on small trips so they can become accustomed to being inside the carrier.

COVID Red Light Protocol in Clinic

Please call us on arrival to the clinic, we will let you know if you are able to enter the clinic at that time.

Under the red light system, only fully vaccinated people with a valid COVID vaccination passport will be allowed to enter the clinic for the safety of our staff and other clients. Please ensure you bring your vaccination pass with you when visiting the clinic.

If you are not fully vaccinated and cannot show your vaccination pass, please call us on arrival from your vehicle and we will conduct your appointment via our contactless method. Please do not enter the clinic without a COVID vaccination passport.

Face masks must be worn at all times in clinic, please sanitise your hands upon entry and stay socially distanced when inside.

**DON'T FEEL COMFORTABLE HEADING OUT
AND ABOUT UNDER RED LIGHT
RESTRICTIONS?**

**DON'T FORGET YOU CAN ORDER YOUR PET
FOOD AND SUPPLIES ON OUR WEBSITE
WWW.HAMILTONVETS.CO.NZ
AND HAVE IT DELIVERED STRAIGHT TO
YOUR DOOR.**

**DID YOU KNOW, YOU CAN ALSO REQUEST A
CONTACTLESS APPOINTMENT FOR YOUR
VET APPOINTMENTS? ASK US HOW BY
CALLING OUR TEAM ON
(07) 849 2963**

