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**VERMONT VALUE VET**  
VETERINARY HOSPITAL

*"Affordable premium pet health care"*



## CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER



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### STAFF NEWS

Nurse Robyn and Steph have just come back from their recent holidays, with Steph going to Cambodia and Robyn exploring the USA. Both of the ladies had an amazing time. Steph was lucky enough to volunteer with Free the Bears Asia, her days were filled with chopping fruit, and cleaning bear enclosures. Steph had an amazing time with the Sun and Moon Bears and recommends anyone to read up on the rehabilitation program. The highlight of Robyn's trip was an amazing helicopter flight over the Grand Canyon.

One of our groomers, Susan has gone on maternity leave. We wish her all the best with the new baby and can't wait for her to be back in 2019.

### Specials

**Hills Canine T/D dry food is \$20 off!**

**Hills Derm Defense dog dry food is \$10 off!**

**Hills Feline and Canine Metabolic is \$20 off!**

**Hills Feline and Canine Z/D is \$10 off!**

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### Puppy school has been resumed

Classes will be held on Monday evenings from 5.30-6.30pm. Robyn (one of our senior Veterinary Nurses) is the teacher of the class and has been running puppy classes for more than 15 years.

# Christmas and Pancreatitis

Every Christmas, veterinarians see an increase in pancreatitis cases. The pancreas is a gland that produces insulin to metabolise sugars and enzymes to digest fats.

When the pancreas becomes inflamed, it can become painful, leading to vomiting, poor appetite, hunched posture and lethargy.

Many dogs are affected by pancreatitis when they are fed table scraps that are greasy and high in fat, such as Christmas meats and leftovers.

Signs of pancreatitis can become very acute and dogs can become quite ill very quickly.

So, this Christmas, make sure you don't overindulge your dog! If you suspect your dog may have pancreatitis, then seek immediate veterinary attention.



## Flea Season

The dreaded flea season is upon us and to avoid your pet from facing a long itchy summer it is important that you find a reliable and trustworthy flea product that works. For dogs we recommend Simparica chews flea and tick prevention. For cats we recommend Revolution pipettes, which are applied monthly and come in a three or six pack. These monthly preventative treatments are your long term answer to beating fleas.

By applying a monthly flea treatment to your pet the chances of fleas attacking will be greatly reduced. There is a whole range of long term products available for you to choose from and it is important to be aware that some may work better for you than others according to your surrounding environment and lifestyle.



## Christmas Hours

Vermont Value Vet will be closed on Christmas Day **Tuesday the 25th of December**, Boxing Day **Wednesday the 26th of December** and New Year's Day **Tuesday the 1st of January**. We will also close at 4pm on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve.

Please call **AEC Mt Waverley**  
On **9803 8122** if your pet needs

*We wish you and your pets a Merry Christmas and*