



VERMONT VALUE VET VETERINARY HOSPITAL

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Staff news

Hugh and his family have bought back the filly they bred, by Toronado out of the mare Forgeress they raced. The new filly is named Imitator and will race later in the year.

Nicole Hawken is again on maternity leave soon after Easter. She will take 6-12 months off before returning to VVV. We will keep you posted.

We welcome our new full time vet Catharine Fung to the hospital. Catharine has 7 years experience and has a special interest in small animal surgery, so will be a valuable addition to our practice.



Dental Month and Dental Care:

This month we are having dental month for March and April.

This includes free dental checks and 15 % off dental procedures.

80% of dogs and 70% of cats over 3 years old have some form of periodontal disease. Dental disease causes bad breath (and pain, it is also a source of infection and can make your pet seriously ill.

Dental disease is preventable in the vast majority of cases and in most cases, easy to achieve at home.

There are many different methods to keep your pet's "pearly white" teeth and these should be started while they are puppies and kittens. For adult cats and dogs with existing dental disease, a dental treatment with a scale and polish under general anesthetic is often necessary to get their mouth back into top condition. This will allow us to start prevention with a clean mouth which needs to be continued at home to hopefully prevent, or slow down dental disease developing again in the future.

PUPPY SCHOOL COMMENCES:

Puppy school has not started up again after having to cease during lock-down. It runs from Tuesday from 7-8pm for 3 weeks.

Puppy school is one of the most important things you can do with you're puppy when they are younger. It helps them become used to socialization with other puppies and learn the building blocks to becoming a well behaved doggy!

At the moment, we have been inundated with puppies. Our next available date is the Tuesday the 6th of April. Book in fast!

THE CURSE OF THE GRASS SEED:

The grass is tall and maturing and with this comes the dreaded grass seed. These seeds love to cling to our pet's fur and due to their shape work their way into nooks and crannies, burying under the skin. They can migrate a long way into the body causing major headaches, infections and health problems. They have been found inside internal organs. Commonly we see grass seeds getting caught between the toes, down the ears, in the groin and arm pits, under the eye lid and around the penis and vagina. Removing grass seeds can be a simple or a complicated affair. I

Obviously the earlier we get a chance at removing the seed the better as they won't have had a chance to track too far into the body and are easier to find. Prevention involves clipping feet and ears to stop the seeds getting a purchase and routinely checking over your pet for grass seeds. This should be done even if your pet isn't on a property or walking through tall grass as these seeds are pesky and get everywhere.

