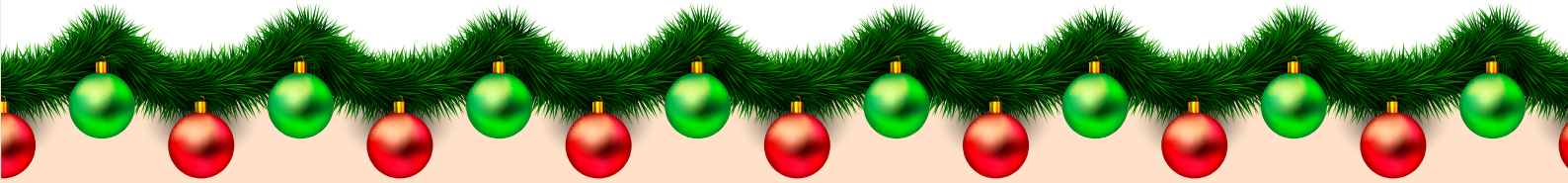


Welcome to our Summer Newsletter.

Merry Christmas! We hope everyone is enjoying the warmer weather and looking forward to a wonderful Christmas and New Year with friends and family. Let's not forget our furry friends and family!

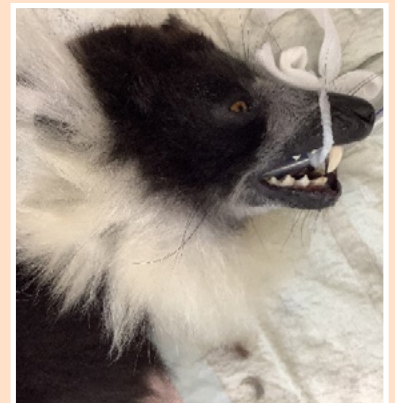
A reminder that our clinic will be closed from 12.30pm Christmas Eve, returning 8.30am Tuesday 3rd of January. If you require veterinary care please contact the local emergency clinics; VRH on 1300 385 874 or Casey Pet Emergency on (03) 8790 1625.



ZOO STORY

Mari, the Ruffed Lemur, lives at the Melbourne Zoo and was seen by our very own Dr David Clarke, a veterinary dental specialist and his dental team to treat her teeth. Even though Mari had healthy gums, the enamel on her teeth had lots of defects and a thin layer of enamel that was flaking off. Enamel is very important to protect our teeth from breaking and to prevent infection enter inside the tooth.

Mari was anaesthetised and had her teeth cleaned/scaled, all the teeth that had poor enamel coverage was treated with a bonded resin to protect the teeth infection and prevent further enamel loss. Mari was given pain medication for a few days to make her more comfortable. She started eating yummy fruit and vegie snacks straight away and seems very happy with her new smile.



CHRISTMAS TREATS

Christmas is the time for yummy feast and treats, but not all human treats and meals are safe for our pets. Here are examples of the biggest “**No Foods**” that are either toxic to dogs and cats or can cause ill health, and some “**Yes Foods**” commonly found around Christmas that are safe and exciting for your pets!

NO FOODS

CHOCOLATE



ALCOHOL



MACADAMIA



**CHRISTMAS
PUDDING**



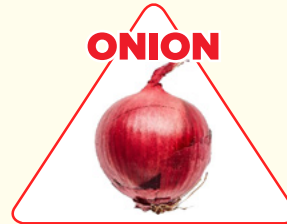
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**GRAPES/
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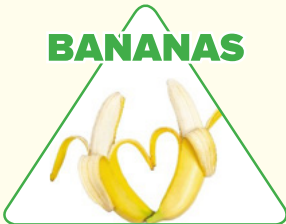


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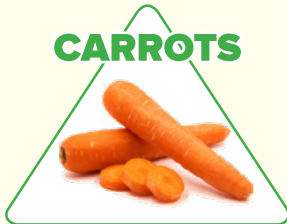


YES FOODS

BANANAS



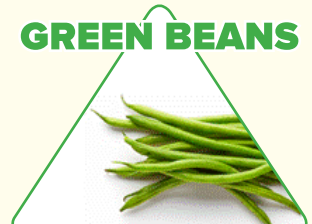
CARROTS



**UNSEASONED
CHICKEN**



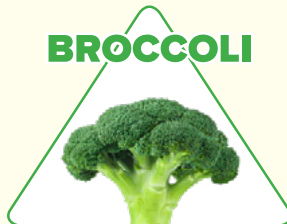
GREEN BEANS



PUMPKIN



BROCCOLI



DOG TREATS



DOGGY ICE CREAM

3 ripe bananas, frozen
¾ cup 100% peanut butter (No xylitol)
1 cup lactose free Greek yoghurt

Blend all ingredients together in a food processor or with a mixer.
Place blended mixture in a tray and freeze.

Scoop and serve to your furry friend!



SUMMER HEAT

As the weather heats up and we are all heading for the beach or a pool to cool off, our pets need ways to cool off too! Cats and dogs can be prone to overheating and can lead to heat stroke. There are some facts and tips to get your pets through the hot summer heat.

SIGNS OF OVERHEATING

(May have one or more of these signs)

- Excessive panting
- Difficulty breathing
- Increased heart and respiratory rate
- Drooling
- Mild weakness
- Stupor
- Collapse



HIGHER RISK

- Flat faced breeds (eg. Pugs, bulldogs, Persian cats)
- Elderly
- Overweight
- Heart or respiratory diseases

KEEPING COOL WHEN HOT

- Allow your pet inside with air conditioning/fans
- Kiddy pools with a small amount of water to lay/splash in
- Ice blocks with a treat inside to lick
- Do not exercise in the hottest part of the day
- Ensure shady places if outside to cool
- Lots of water to drink!

Important summer safety tips:

- *Never leave your animals alone in a parked vehicle. Not only can it lead to fatal heat stroke, but it is also illegal in several states!*
- *Do not leave pets unsupervised around a pool!*
- *Don't let your dog linger on hot asphalt, if you can't keep your hand on it for 7 seconds, its too hot for their feet!*

HEAT STRESSED WILDLIFE

(Photos from Wildlife Victoria)

Being in Australia we have beautiful and unique wildlife. Despite being native, they too can be subject to heat stress, but there are things everyone can do to recognize and assist our native animals to help make their summers more comfortable!



How do I recognize a heat-stressed animal?

- Nocturnal and tree-dwelling animals like possums, koalas and wombats may be wandering around the ground in the daylight in search water.
- Birds can be seen panting with their mouths open or holding their wings out from their body.
- Flying foxes flap their wings and sit lower in trees to escape the direct sunlight.
- In extreme heat stress animals may be found collapsed

How can I help?

- Place shallow water bowls containing sticks and rocks near native trees to provide hydration to all different species
- Use a garden hose to mist trees and bushes to create a cooler environment
- If you see wildlife resting in your garden, keep pets away and allow it to rest
- If a bird or possum appears heat-stressed:
 - o Use a spray bottle to mist around the animal
 - o If safe, use a towel and protective gloves to move the animal to a shaded, cooler area out of direct heat.
 - o If no improvement in a couple of hours contact a vet or Wildlife Victoria for advice on what is best to do next
- **Do not under any circumstances touch or handle a flying fox or other bat species.** If you find a bat and are concerned for their health, contact Wildlife Victoria on (03) 8400 7300.



CHRISTMAS PHOTO COMPETITION

Kitty Kringle? Santa Paws?

We'd love to see you pets dressed in their Christmas best!

We are running a Christmas photo competition where the best Pet Christmas Photo will win a personalised pet hamper and their photo will be published in our next newsletter!

Judging will be by vote of our lovely Vets and Nurses.

Please email your photo at reception@hallamvet.com.au, or post to our Facebook or Instagram with the hashtag #HVCxmas by the 19th of December.

One entry per pet, Winner will be chosen on the 20st of December so they can collect their prize before Christmas!

We are excited to see your festive creations!



Coco and Pepper, 2021 Winners

Ready for Adoption!

Meet Tinsel

Tinsel was brought into the clinic with her babies, in a Christmas pudding cat igloo - hence the christmassy name!

Kittens have grown up & been homed and now Tinsel is looking for her furrever home.

Could you be her Merry Christmas?



About Tinsel:

Tinsel is a 1.5yr old female Tortoiseshell. She loves chasing feathers and little balls & having a good gutting/attacking session on her kickaroo feather toy. A good chin & ear scratch session is an absolute MUST in her book and a nice head to tail pat of her silky soft fur, but she does still like her "me time". She loves high vantage spots where she can sit and stare at you but then likes to be near you while you're trying very hard to do some important computer work, so you may need a decoy keyboard. Tinsel loves boxes and cardboard scratchers, so a supply will make sure you stay on her 'good' list.

If you are interested in adopting Tinsel please contact us or Fur Kids Rescue on 0433 571 835



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