

AnimalCare Newsletter

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What's Happening at AnimalCare

Things have been as busy as always at AnimalCare this summer. We now have a new state of the art haematology blood testing machine. This means our in-house blood testing is even more precise and further widens our diagnostic capabilities.

Our nurse Emily has recently returned from a trip to Florida with her family. Haley's little dog Gadget is recovering well from his recent knee surgery to correct a luxating patella. You can read more about this condition in the article below.

Patella Luxation in Dogs

The patella is otherwise known as the kneecap. Patella luxation is when the kneecap slips out of its normal position over the knee joint. When this happens it causes a sharp sudden pain and the dog is temporarily unable to straighten it's leg. Usually the patella will soon slip back into the correct position and the dog will be able to walk normally again. However, in severe cases the patella can remain displaced for long periods or even permanently.

This condition can be caused by a traumatic injury, but is more commonly seen in toy and small breed dogs as a genetic birth defect. It is far less common in larger breeds but it can still occur, especially in Labradors. In minor

Glenn is currently studying a masters paper in emergency medicine through Massey University, which is keeping him out of trouble.

You may have already met our new part time nurse Lorna. Lorna is often here on a weekend and is enjoying getting to know all of our clients and patients.

We hope you and your pets are managing to stay cool in the warm weather and that you enjoy the rest of Summer.

cases, treatment may not be required. In more severe cases, dogs will benefit from surgical correction. Patella luxation can be easily diagnosed during a consultation. The vet can then advise you on the severity of the problem and discuss treatment options.

As this is a genetic disease we recommend any affected dogs are not bred from. If your dog is diagnosed with patella luxation it is also a good idea, if possible, to let the breeder of your dog know.

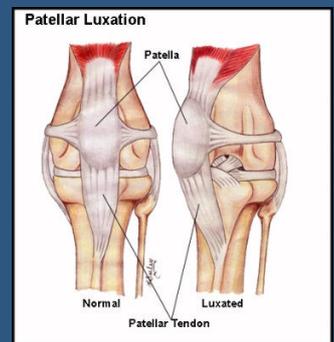
If you are concerned that your dog may have a luxating patella, please phone us to book an appointment with one of our vets.

Do you have an older cat that seems to be slowing down?

It could have arthritis

Visit
www.catswitharthritis.com
to learn more about
arthritis and if your cat
may be affected.

There are videos you can watch to help determine if your cat has arthritis & to show the noticeable effects treatment can have.



Patella luxation is a painful condition that often requires surgical correction

Promotions & Freebies



← Get a free storage bin with any purchase of Hill's canine Science Diet 12kg or larger



← \$20 off selected Eukanuba dog food 12kg and larger

Free storage container with Hill's feline cat food 2kg or larger →



← Free towel with Hill's feline Science Diet 2kg or larger



↑ Free car windscreen sun visor with any Royal Canin dog food.
Free lint roller with any Royal Canin cat food.

Free stainless steel bowl with any pack of Advocate flea & worm treatment →



Comfortis – A New Flea Treatment Tablet for Dogs

We are pleased to announce that we have a completely new flea control product for dogs. Comfortis provides month-long flea protection in the form of a chewable tablet. The active ingredient is spinosad which is chemically unrelated to any flea product currently available. Spinosad is derived from a naturally occurring soil bacterium. The main benefits as we see them are: Fast acting – starts killing fleas within 30 minutes & is 100% effective within 4 hours; Convenient – month-long protection in a flavoured chewable tablet; Family friendly – no messy application that can transfer to or stain carpet, furniture or clothing; No accidental transfer to children; Can't be washed off – ideal for dogs that are bathed or swim regularly.

Please come in and talk to one of our staff about whether Comfortis would suit your dog.



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NEW PET FOOD RANGE - Hill's Ideal Balance

Ideal Balance is a new pet food range created by Hill's. This range is ideal if you prefer to feed your pet natural ingredients.

Ideal balance has no artificial colours, flavours or preservatives. It also contains no corn, wheat or soy – great for pets that have allergies to these things. Natural ingredients such as fresh chicken, vegetables, potatoes and flaxseed are used to make up this complete and balanced pet food. Ideal balance is available in a dry biscuit and a wet tinned food for both cats and dogs. Come and see us in clinic if you would like to try this new food for your pet.

