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Newsletter

Summer time!

Merry Xmas and Happy New Year to everyone! The season of sunshine and BBQ's is here, and it is time to get out and go crazy with your pets. The beach, the park, the back yard, even the lounge-room floor are good places to get active with your cats and dogs.

For many it has been a very active year, and there is no sign of this changing anytime soon. And it has been just as busy at home with two new family members, Boris the rescue dog and Ripley the "almost a Guide Dog", joining our tribe. Stark the Burmese now stalks them, although his skills are not enough to evade detection, and they will often see him leaping onto their face, before shooting off behind the couch.

The senior citizens of the house, the Labradors Cadbury and Dinah, will watch on briefly before resuming their relentless search for food.....a search that never ends.....this includes the cat biscuits whenever they are within reach, lint, small pieces of paper from the kids craft and scissor work (plus or minus Clag glue), stray erasers and anything else small enough to fit into their mouths.

Whatever the summer brings to you and your fur family, stay safe, live active, and enjoy all that life has to offer.

Merry Xmas, and have a very Happy New Year.

Dr Craig



5 things about pets you may not know

- Humans have about 6 million smell receptors in our nose, cats have an impressive 50 million, and dogs have even more at 200 million
- Cats and dogs have almost no sweet receptors on their tongue
- Dogs and cats do not have "heart attacks" like humans
- Paul McCartney recorded a dog whistle into the Beatles song "A Day in the Life" specially for his Shetland Sheepdog
- Dogs can determine the direction of a smell using the wetness of their nose

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Summer specials

Xmas Hamper

Every visit to us through December will go into the draw for a Xmas hamper. Drawn 24th Dec 2015

Free dog wormer

Buy a Bravecto or Nexgard 3pk and get a free wormer

Free cat wormer

Buy a Frontline Original 4pk for cats and get a free wormer



Humans are different

Humans sweat. Dogs, cats and birds don't.

Well, cats and dogs do sweat, but only on their tongue and between their toes – certainly not enough to cool their body. And birds, well, their feathers would simply get wet and they would not fly at all well.

Why sweat if you are human?

Humans, cattle and horses sweat, using their whole body surface area as an evaporative cooler. The down-side is that the whole body has to stay down at brain temperature, which is fine for the brain but not efficient for the body.

Using the whole body means that in very hot temperatures, and particularly in very humid conditions, cooling is adequate. Generating lots of heat, by running flat out can overwhelm this.

Losing water to cool yourself can also mean that dehydration is a risk if you cannot drink. And loss of salts and electrolytes can also mess with your nervous system, your heart, and your muscle function. You need only see the long distance marathon events televised at each Olympics to see what dehydration can do to you.

Cats, dogs and birds – the magic tongue

Birds, dogs and cats all pant. They use their tongue and breathing to get cool. The particular benefit of this method of cooling in cats and dogs is that they preferentially cool the brain, keeping it at the correct operating temperature, though can allow their body temperature to stay hotter at 38.0 to 39.0 degrees Celsius. The body works better at this temperature. This makes them more efficient hunters.



Hot Topic: Heat Stroke



The fatal flaw

Dogs, cats and birds enjoy the improved efficiency of panting, however, there are draw-backs.

Firstly, the need to physically breath can be exhausting. If you are hot for a long time, rest may be something you don't get much of.

The next issue is the tongue itself. As big as it can sometimes be, it is still a very small area compared to the whole body, so losing a lot of heat through one small tongue can make life difficult.

Why does this matter?

In very hot or humid conditions the tongue and panting is simply not enough.

Heat stroke comes much more easily to dogs, cats and birds when locked in a car, or on very hot, humid days, particularly when exercising hard. The classic heat stroke case is the ball-chasing dog in summer.

- Never leave your pet unattended in the car
- Avoid too much activity on hot, humid days

Fresh clean water in multiple locations is also essential, and means that your pet is never far from a drink, and if one bowls spills, there is always another choice.

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Merry Xmas and Happy New Year



Xmas Hamper



You can go into the draw this month for an awesome Christmas hamper, which includes a free Consultation, 3 months of Flea and Tick control, a bag of Advance pet food, shampoo, conditioner, toys and more!

All you need to do is to come in and see us in December and you will automatically be in the running. We will be drawing the prize on Xmas eve, 24th December.

December tick and flea special

Bravecto: if you buy a Bravecto in December 2015 for your dog for ticks and fleas, you will receive an intestinal wormer at *no charge*.

Nexgard: if you buy a Nexgard 3pk in December for your dog for ticks and fleas, you will receive an intestinal wormer at *no charge*.



Frontline Cats: for cats, if you buy a Frontline Cat for 4pk or 6pk for ticks and fleas in December you will receive a free intestinal wormer.



WarnerVet tick card for your purse, wallet or handbag

You can now carry your Tick Remover with you where-ever you go! Simply slip it in with your credit cards and you can get rid of ticks from your pet in the yard... the park... anywhere! Available now! Ask us now.



The BIG WarnerVet Survey

Do you want a vet that listens? Would you like to have your say?

You have seen some changes over the last 2 years, our move to the Cashmere Village Shops being the biggest.

But what's the next step? Your pets and your faith in us are the reason we exist, so we would like you to tell us what you want. The WarnerVet is your vet, so we have put you in charge – you're in control.

Have your say at

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/M7YPW5N>

Pet Profile

Boris - Rescue dog

You know when it's time. For all things, there is a definite time. It happened that way at home..... it was time.... Time for a new dog to enter the fray at the Stewart household. It just so happened that the RSPCA were co-ordinating the The Big Pet Adoption Day – “can we go in for a look?” chimed the kids in stereo.



Boris left, Ripley right

Having walked around we saw Queensland Staffy & Amstaff Rescue were at the aforementioned Big Pet Adoption Day at the RNA Show-grounds. (You can find them on Facebook if you are looking for a wonderful rescue dog). It was then that we saw him, Boris, who had a beautiful chocolate coat and Labrador face which caught our eye while his foster carer was walking him around. We met him and spoke with his foster carer, who indicated he had been rescued as a result of being used as a caged breeder dog. He had been caged for a very long time. At the time we met him, he had been with his wonderful foster carer for several weeks, and she and her family loved him very much, but knew he would find his new home one day.

We found him, and he is the most awesome dog. He is fantastic with other dogs, cats, horses, being inside and being your best friend, which he had to be to come and live in our home - his forever home. We love big Boris very much and he loves us back just as much.

If your interested in a new forever friend, consider all the rescue groups as an option - our experience with QLD Staffy & Amstaff Rescue has been fantastic.

Boris is pictured LEFT with Ripley (the almost guide-dog) and BELOW lazing on the deck after a hard day of couch-surfing.

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