

# Cat & Dog Summer Newsletter



Summer is the season when skin and flea problems may become a problem for your dog or cat. This newsletter is filled with up to date information about the summer care of your very special four legged friend and we hope that by following our instructions you and your pet will enjoy a summer free of any of these problems!

## Hospital Hours

Monday 8-6  
Tuesday 8-6  
Wednesday – Closed  
Thursday 8-6  
Friday 8-12  
Saturday 8-12  
Sunday - Closed



## Summer Health for Dogs & Cats

- ✓ Ensure your pet's vaccination is up to date.
- ✓ Worm your pet at the start of summer to treat and prevent intestinal worms.
- ✓ Apply Frontline Plus to the back of the neck to prevent Flea infestation.
- ✓ Wash your pet each week using Flea Drop (Neem) Shampoo.
- ✓ Give Turbo booster on the food daily.

### After Hours:

The Animal Emergency Centre at Baulkham Hills is an after hours emergency facility, offering veterinary services throughout the night. When Carlingford Animal Hospital is closed, emergency animal care is available by phoning 9639 7744 or 9758 8666.

Alternatively, phone the Animal Critical Care Emergency Centre at North Ryde (Cnr Delhi & Plassey Rd) on 9888 9800.

### Wildlife

If you see any sick or injured wildlife, including native birds contact Metro Wildlife on 9413 4300.

*Dr Marshall has a young family and has a need to balance his family life and commitment to his clients. He feels it is better to reduce the hours but to be open all day for consultation. Please phone to make sure of your appointment. As well, of course, he is available at home by his mobile, so you can catch him at any time Often he can answer your concerns immediately or refer you to emergency care. Be assured he will always give his best for your pet's welfare. Emergencies are catered for by the After hours Emergency Hospital at Baulkham Hills. With reduced hours, Dr Marshall maintains a fresh and enthusiastic approach towards his patients needs.*

*Thankyou for your kind support over the past 25 years.*

Summer is the skin problem season for pet dogs and cats, and we hope the following advice will help your pet avoid the dreaded "itchy skin" problems and remain in the best of health.

The main problems of the warmer months are flea-related skin problems and grass/plant allergies. We have developed a very natural approach to controlling fleas and allergies by utilising the natural insecticide called Neem and a fatty acid vitamin health modulator called Turbo booster. Neem is a non-toxic natural insecticide present in the leaves of the neem tree. Neem shampoo is called "Flea Drop". Turbo booster is the vitamin and fatty acid health modulator that is administered in the food. Please see overleaf for further information.



Excessive hair loss and hair balls in cats is another problem commonly experienced during summer. By following our Summer health programme for cats this problem is largely avoided.

Fleas transmit the tapeworm and a worm treatment at the start and end of summer is a must. We recommend Endoguard, a palatable and cost-effective method for treating all worms in dogs and Milbemax for cats.



Frontline Plus is the latest generation Spot-on flea control product that is now available. We recommend a once a month application on the back of the neck to control fleas and flea allergies. Frontline Plus is also effective against ticks when applied fortnightly. The tick season lasts until April and daily examination of your pet in tick areas is required to ensure this does not become a problem.



The combination of weekly Neem Shampoo, daily Turbo booster, monthly Frontline Plus and three-monthly Endoguard will leave your pet sensationally healthy. Please talk to us about these products when you bring your pet in for its annual vaccination.

### New F5 Cat Vaccination



The new F5 vaccination is an all in one vaccination for cats that protects against Feline rhinotracheitis virus, calicivirus, Panleucopenia virus, Chlamydia and Leukaemia.

Leukaemia vaccination is by far the most relevant vaccine available for cats at the present time. Leukaemia is prevalent amongst cats that wander outside and injure themselves through fighting or scratches. It is a terrible disease that causes terminal cancer within a matter of weeks and we are so relieved that protection is now available. The all in one F5 vaccination protects against Leukaemia and dispels any concerns that your cat will fall ill with Leukaemia.

We recommend F5 as the routine annual vaccination for your cat.

All of the staff here at Carlingford Animal Hospital would like to wish all of our clients and their pets a very Merry Christmas and a happy and safe New Years!



We look forward to seeing you all in 2005!



Carlingford Animal Hospital prides itself on providing a most caring veterinary service to its patients. It is a very personal practice. Dr Marshall has been here for 25 years as the sole practitioner and is considered a bird expert amongst his peers both in Australia and overseas. His interests are not confined to birds alone, with the care of dogs and cats continuing to form a significant part of his daily work. Even though Dr Marshall is referred to as a bird veterinarian, all patients (dog, cat or bird) receive equal care. Besides keeping many birds, he has two cats (Louie and Taffy) and a dog (Wally) as pets. Teresa, Emily and Casey own two pet dogs each.

*All of the Carlingford Animal Hospital staff share Dr Marshall's concern for companion animals and feel privileged to be able to help our community.*