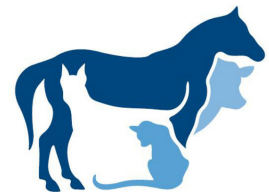


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VETERINARY HOSPITAL

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Worms causing heartache in your pets!

Heartworm is a major parasite of dogs but can also be found in cats. This worm can be found lurking in all warmer parts of this country, especially the tropical coasts of Queensland and New South Wales.

Heartworm is transmitted to your pet by mosquitoes.

The indications of possible heartworm infection can range from no signs to exercise intolerance, coughing or even severe breathing problems and sudden death. The treatment of heartworm infections is lengthy, dangerous to your pet and costly. Heartworm can be easily avoided with the use of an injection or the use of monthly worming tablets which kill the larvae before they can develop into full grown worms.

These treatment include;

- **Proheart-** a yearly heartworm injection given to dogs that prevents heartworm disease.
- **Milbemax-** a monthly oral all-wormer tablet that is given to dogs and cats that treats and prevents most worm infections.
- **Nexgard Spectra-** a monthly tablet for dogs only that provides protection against fleas, ticks, heartworm and other intestinal worms.

For the months of February and March at Moruya Veterinary Hospital we are offering **FREE** heartworm testing for those pets who are not currently on heartworm prevention, and would like to start with Proheart 12 monthly injections.

Dogs and storms.



Thunderstorms can be a very anxious time for many pets, dogs in particular can display behaviours such as pacing, dribbling, hiding, excessive barking and destructive behaviours which may lead to injury or damaged belongings. If your dog is prone to these during storms there are some ways in which you can manage their anxiety.

The first and most important step is to ensure they are in a dry and safe environment such as a quiet room indoors. This needs to be escape-proof as possible, as some dogs will try to run away during storms. Be aware of objects that a dog may chew, destroy or hurt themselves on and remove access. It is best if you are present during a storm to comfort and supervise your dog if possible.

To help alleviate anxiety you could consider using a ThunderShirt or Adapil.

ThunderShirts are tight fitting vests specifically designed for dogs, and when worn the pressure of it on the dogs body helps to make it feel more secure. Adaptil is a product which contains calming pheromones, which only your dog can smell, shown to relieve anxiety in dogs. Either, or both, of these products can be used during a storm.

If all else fails there are medical options available. Come in to speak to one of our vets if you would like to learn more.

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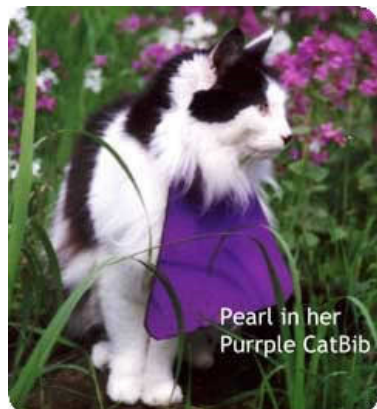
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**Special for
February
Free heartworm
testing**



Eurobodalla Shire Council CatBib Program

Eurobodalla Shire Council is offering a free CatBib to all cat owners who have a microchipped and registered cat in our area. Roaming domestic cats are a significant conservation issue because they hunt, harass and compete with wildlife. Their hunting targets include birds, lizards, frogs and many native mammals including bandicoots and gliders in the Eurobodalla. Roaming domestic cats are also more at risk of fighting, getting injured and getting run over by cars. Due to the threat that domestic cats pose to wildlife, the Eurobodalla Shire Council has implemented a program to reduce domestic cat hunting on our native animals.

If you want to prevent your cat from catching birds, use the CatBib. It's part of being a responsible cat owner.

How does it work?

The CatBib is attached to your cat's collar and hangs loosely over the cats chest. It works by gently interfering with the cats precise timing and coordination skills needed for successful bird hunting. The CatBib acts like a soft wall standing between cat and birds. It really works! A cat wearing a CatBib can run, jump, climb trees, eat, sleep, and groom. The CatBib only affects your cats ability to catch birds.

Is it safe for my cat to wear a CatBib?

Yes, it is completely safe. The CatBib is secured with Velcro and can release if enough pressure is applied. The material is very flexible, stretchy and light weight. Cats can run, jump, climb trees, go up and down stairs, nap, eat, drink and be merry with their CatBibs on.

Can I leave the CatBib on all the time?

Yes, but it is not recommended. The CatBib is designed to be worn when your cat is outside. In the evening, when your cat is locked in for the night, it should be removed.

Useful Phone Contacts

- *Animal House Caretaker– Mobile dog wash & grooming, holiday pet care & pet day care-
- 44735818 -Mob 0414505967
- * Australian Seabird Rescue– 0431282238
- * Batemans Bay Boarding Kennels 44717501
- * Dog Grooming– (Swish Grooming)- 0410676850
- * Dog Wash– Bubbles on the Bay-44781185
- * Eurobodalla Animal Welfare League- (de-sexing subsidy)-44743354
(General enquiries) - 0410016612
- * Eurobodalla Canine Club (dog obedience training) Magda– 44711440
- * Eurobodalla Shire Council Pound - (lost dogs & strays)-44741019
- *RSPCA -(animal cruelty)- Eurobodalla Branch 0424228425 Cruelty Hotline 1300278589
-(de-sexing vouchers)- 0424228425
- *The Dog Line- (Dog behavioural Problems & Advice) 1300843364
- *Wildlife Rescue South Coast– North of Batemans Bay 0418427214
-South of Batemans Bay 0417238921
- * Wires-(wildlife rescue & care)- 1300094737



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