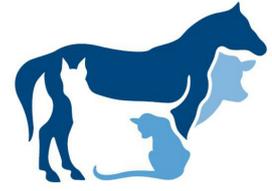


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Ear Infections

Dogs ears come in a variety of styles. Some stick up, some flop down, some are hairy and some are not! And they are all prone to ear infections. Infections of the external ear canal (Otitis externa) by bacteria or yeasts are the most common types of infection seen in dogs.

A dog with an ear infection is sore, and the ear canals are sensitive. Your dog will shake and scratch at the ear. This will often progress to the stage where the pet is obviously distressed.

The ears often become red and inflamed, and develop an offensive odour. You may also see a brownish discharge in the ear.

Many times an allergy is the cause of an initial inflammation, and the ear reacts to irritation by secreting a waxy discharge. A grass seed lodged in the ear can cause severe distress. An insect called an ear mite may also incite irritation. In many cases your pet will need antibiotics or other prescription medications to solve the problem. It may be necessary for your pet to be anaesthetised to allow a thorough examination and to clean the ears correctly. If you feel your pet's ears are causing problems, don't delay in calling us. Ear infections left untreated can be a very frustrating, difficult and painful problem.



Hotspots

A hotspot (moist dermatitis) is a type of skin infection. It appears as a moist, red, smelly, matted area on your pets skin. Hotspots can spread quickly over your pet's body if left untreated. Treatments usually involves clipping the affected area and using medicated washes. Antibiotics and anti inflammatory drugs are sometimes required. If you find a hotspot on your pet please see your vet quickly.

Dew claws

Most dogs have four digits with nails on their feet and hind paws, but some have a fifth digit called the dew claw, on the inner side of their leg, near the paw. It's like our thumb. Dew claws are common on the forelegs, but some dogs also have them on the hind legs. You need to keep an eye on these nails, as they don't touch the ground and don't get worn down from running around. These claws need to be trimmed from time to time to stop them from growing very long, curling back around and burying into your dogs legs. Sometimes dew claws are removed completely if they are prone to getting caught and are causing pain to the dog.

Sooty Owl

We had a special wildlife visitor into the clinic recently, a Sooty owl, who had sustained an injury to one of his legs and partial fractures in both wings. After emergency treatment and a bit of TLC he was deemed fit for transfer to an avian specialist who operated on his leg. He is now undergoing rehabilitation with the wonderful staff of Australian Raptor Care.

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Vaccination

Reminder

For all those families that maybe leaving their pet at the boarding kennels this Christmas holidays, now is the time to check on your pets vaccination status.

To be sure that your pet is fully covered for Parvo, Distemper, Hepatitis and Kennel Cough, don't leave their booster vaccinations to the last minute.

A group of small children watched a fire truck race past. Sitting on the front seat was a Boxer dog. The children began to discuss the dog's duties. "They use him to keep the crowds back at a fire," said a five year old girl. "No," said another, "They carry him for good luck." A six year old boy brought the discussion to an abrupt close. "They use the dog," he said firmly, "to find the fire hydrant."



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Important Information About Prescription Drugs

By law, prescription animal remedy (S4) or other restricted drugs can only be supplied to clients under the following conditions:

1. Only by a registered veterinarian
2. Only for animals under our care
3. By law animals must have been seen by a veterinarian within 6 months.

By law, the supply of these drugs is not permitted unless the animals history is on our records– or has been examined by one of our veterinarians.

By law, new clients or clients travelling with animals requiring such medications, will need an authority from their veterinarian before those drugs can be dispensed.



**Don't forget to apply tick prevention to your dogs & cats.
We treated 20 animals with tick paralysis during October.**



Dr Sam Lawson's NT Trip

I have just returned from my annual Northern Territory visit as a veterinary volunteer in remote indigenous communities. I have previously worked in the desert region of Berkely, but I reckon this was the best yet. This time I visited Maningrida in Arnhem Land, a coastal community of 3 thousand or so at the head of the mighty Liverpool River.

The program is run by Doctor Ted. He is a Victorian vet who has been visiting the Maningrida community once or twice yearly for 15 years or so. During this time he has developed a terrific relationship with the locals. We did approximately 100 operations, most of which were desexings (speys and castrations), plus some dogs affected by Transmissible Venereal Tumour (TVT), a special research interest of Ted's.

Then I travelled a little further east, to a community called Milingimbi to visit a vet friend who lives on the island full time with his wife and child. We had several fishing trips and I caught my first Barra, I didn't really get this whole fishing thing before, but now I am hooked! I'm already planning my next trip to the Top End....

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)-0466012426

(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

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* Wires-(wildlife rescue & care)- 1300094737



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