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DECEMBER UPDATE FROM THE MAHVC

Summer fun, celebrations, fireworks, silly season and more

As the temperatures rise, so does the excitement in the air! In this sizzling edition, we're geared up to keep your furry friends safe and sound during the sunny season. Learn about common seasonal hazards to look out for and discover the latest updates from our dedicated team of emergency veterinarians.

Also while Guy Fawkes and Diwali may be over for the year, remember to look out for your pets if letting off fireworks over the Christmas and New Year period. Keep them inside and make sure they have a safe space. Pop on the tv or radio for background noise and close blinds.

We're here to ensure your pets have a paw-some time this summer, but if accidents happen, know that our clinic is ready to provide the best care. Our team work hard across all nights and public holidays and we do need to triage and prioritise patients that come through based on their level of need. We appreciate your ongoing patience and understanding.

Our team

Head Vet:
Max Clout

Head Nurse:
Charlotte Castle

Vets:
Daniel Alexander
Georgia Child
Monica Commons
Kevin Dalton
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Margaret Gater
Kerri Heard
Marc Herrmann
Leo Lee
Jana Lepper
Lizzy Linley
Itsuki Mueller
Steve Oehley
Asha Reddy
Leah Wakeford
Ben Wilson
Matthew Wong
Nathan Wong
Maria Yañez

Nurses:
Maxann Alexander
Emma Armstrong
Toni Beasley
Kiera Cameron
Angela Drower
Sarah Flett
Jec Foeken
Summer Homan
Stephanie Logopati
Kimberley Morris
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Sophie Pascoe
Sofia Santamaria
Amie Turner
Rachael Turner
Elizabeth Weir

Receptionist/
Kennel Hand:
Jasannia Adams
Lily Clarkson
Bree Geenty

Administration

Manager: Jedda Ford
Accounts: Barbara Stratton
Admin: Tracy Desmond



Christmas and New Years Hours

The clinic will be open 24 hours across all public holidays and weekends during this period.

6pm Friday 22nd December - 8am Wednesday 27th December

6pm - 8am Weds 27th & Thurs 28th December

6pm Friday 29th December - 8am Wednesday 3rd January



BEAT THE HEAT

Burnt paws, dehydration and heat stroke

Exercising in the scorching sun and during the hottest hours of the day can be dangerous for your pet. With summer fast approaching make sure to exercise your pet early in the morning or in the evening as these are the coolest times of day and your pet is less likely to overheat.

When you are out and about, try to keep off the footpaths / roads where possible and stick to grass or sand. If crossing roads watch out for hot spots on tarseal as melted parts can stick to your pets paws.

Always have water with you for them to drink and make sure to give lots of chances for rest in the shade.

At home, set up a paddling pool for your dog in the backyard on hot afternoons, and for your purrfect indoor cats, a cool damp towel for them to lie down on can make for some great relief too. Ice cubes in water bowls are always a hit as well!



PARVO & VACCINATIONS

Parvo is a preventable virus, more prevalent in summer months. Make sure your dogs are up to date with their vaccinations, especially puppies under 12 months.

TOXIC FOODS & FUN

ingesting in festivities

Please remember that chocolate is toxic for dogs so make sure you keep these sweet treats out of reach for your pets.

Tinsel and decorations can also be mistaken for something fun to try and munch too so watch closely as you don't want these being swallowed!



SECONDARY DROWNING

Secondary drowning happens after water (from the pool or beach) has entered the pets lungs, causing irritation and can lead to infection to the lungs. This can happen well after the incident is over, even several days after the incident.

If you have taken your dog swimming and notice your dog is lethargic, coughing, has difficulty breathing or is in distress, this could be the cause. Get in touch with MAHVC or your local clinic ASAP.

Our Services

Manukau After Hours Veterinary Clinic is a full-service emergency clinic and will take both emergency cases as well as less urgent medical and surgical issues (although we do not do routine work for example; vaccinations, micro chipping, spays, neuters etc). Our veterinarians are experienced in all types of conditions and treatments.

All pets receive constant observation and veterinary care throughout the night.

Our team includes at least one emergency veterinarian and one veterinary nurse every night to tend to your pets needs and requirements.

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