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Happy Easter!!

I cannot believe that it is already April and soon many of us will be celebrating Easter again – at the end of this month, we will already be a quarter of the way through 2019!! HAPPY EASTER everyone!!

As it is Easter, there will be a lot of chocolate Easter eggs being eaten and shared as well as hot cross buns. Please just remember that **chocolate** and **raisins** are poisonous to our pets and they must not be given chocolate or a piece of your hot cross bun. If your pet accidentally gets hold of your stash of Easter eggs or steals a hot cross bun off the kitchen counter, please make an appointment and bring them in for a check-up as soon as possible. Chocolate, especially your baking chocolate and good quality dark chocolate, contains **Theobromine** and **Caffeine** – our pets cannot metabolise these two substances as well as humans can, which is why chocolate is **toxic**. Raisins, and even grapes, on the other hand can lead to your dog going into **acute renal (kidney) failure**. Chocolate toxicity is usually not fatal but raisin poisoning is often fatal. Not all dogs that eat raisins or grapes develop acute renal failure but I would not risk it with my beloved pets.

As this month is another Tick and Flea Control month, I wanted to mention that a new Tick and Flea control product has been launched in South Africa – finally **Bravecto Spot On for Cats** is now available. Bravecto Spot On for Cats comes in 3 sizes: small (1.2kg-2.8kg), medium (2.8kg-6.25kg) and large (6.25kg-12.kg) and it protects them against ticks, fleas and ear mites for **3 months!** It is a liquid that you apply directly onto your cat's skin at the base of their skull to ensure that they cannot lick it. If your cat does happen to lick the liquid they will most likely start to drool as it does not taste nice. This product must not be applied to kittens younger than 11 weeks of age or if your cat is pregnant or lactating. I am very excited to try this product on my own cat.

In the middle of last month we had to say good-bye to one of my favourite people – Karen, our afternoon receptionist, is moving down to the Cape. I wish her and her family all the best – we are all missing your already. I pray that our two new Receptionists, Jemina and Leanne, will very quickly rise to the challenge of filling your very big shoes.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us on harmelia.animalclinic@gmail.com

CONSULTATION TIMES

Mondays to Fridays

7.30am – 6.00pm

(Our Frontshop is open from
7.30am – 6.30pm)

Saturdays

9.00am – 13.40pm

(Our Frontshop is open from
9.00am – 2.00pm)

Sundays

CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

Public Holidays excluding
Christmas Day, Boxing Day and
New Year's Day

(Please note that a surcharge does
apply)

9.00am – 11.40am

(Our Frontshop is open from
9.00am – 12.00pm)

PLEASE MAKE AN
APPOINTMENT

(011) 974 5201

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PHONE THE PRACTICE IF YOUR PET NEEDS HIS OR HER CHRONIC MEDICATION, BEFORE COLLECTING, SO THAT THE MEDICATION CAN BE COUNTED OUT BEFORE YOU ARRIVE AT THE PRACTICE.

Our Monthly Focus: STERILISATION and TICK/FLEA CONTROL



It is our second sterilisation month for this year already and based on February's response, please book your pet in as soon as possible as to avoid disappointment. For the month of April, the following prices will apply:

MALE

CAT NEUTER: R580 (Normally R680)

DOG NEUTER UNDER 25KG: R930 (Normally R1100)

DOG NEUTER OVER 25KG: R1180 (Normally R1350)

Please note that if your unsterilized pet only has 1 descended testicle or none, then additional charges will apply.

FEMALE

CAT SPAY: R930 (Normally R1100)

DOG SPAY UNDER 15KG: R1480 (Normally R1680)

DOG SPAY BETWEEN 15-25KG: R1600 (Normally R1800)

DOG SPAY BETWEEN 25-35KG: R1880 (Normally R2080)

DOG SPAY BETWEEN 35-45KG: R2000 (Normally R2200)

DOG SPAY OVER 45KG: R2180 (Normally R2380)

Please note that if your female pet is in season (on heat) or pregnant, then additional charges will apply.

If you would like to make a booking for your pet to be sterilised, please speak to one of our Receptionists. We operate from Monday to Friday excluding public holidays.

With all the late rain that has fallen, ticks and fleas have become a big problem in the Edenvale area so please take advantage of our **10% off all Tick and Flea products** this month to ensure that your pet is tick and flea free.