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“MARIBYRNONG VET TAILS” - WINTER 2010

ENJOY AN OUTING WITH YOUR DOG A to B... Carsick Free!

Travelling with pets as members of the family is becoming more opportune. The number of holiday destinations that accept pets is on the increase and there are opportunities to take dogs to pet friendly parks, beaches etc. Still, one in four dogs will suffer from vomiting caused by motion sickness. It can prevent your whole family from taking a trip, causing you to miss out on adventures together. If you do leave your dog behind, it may be stressful and costly.

With canine motion sickness the leading reason pet owners are not able to take their dogs on day trips or vacation, Maribyrnong Vet Clinic is encouraging more people to talk with us about managing travel with their dog.

There is a new canine medication for the prevention of vomiting caused by motion sickness. This treatment option is now available in Australia from us and we can offer advice on managing motion sickness while travelling. As the medication does not cause drowsiness, dogs will be alert during travel and upon arrival, and will thus be able to enjoy the destination, resulting in a more positive experience for the entire family.

More families will now be able to enjoy the company of their dog as they take day trips or longer vacations. With a little pre-trip planning, and with the benefits of this new treatment option, motion sickness no longer needs to be a reason to leave the family dog behind.

For additional travel advice for your dog, speak to us at Maribyrnong Vet Clinic today.



Top Ten Cat & Dog Names

Naming your new pet can prove to be tough, so before we reveal the top ten cat & dog names, here's a few hints for you when naming your pet.

Firstly, remember that you are going to be using the name several times a day and probably in public. “Smelly-bum McClaw” won't seem so funny when you are on your front lawn calling your pet in front of neighbours...

Don't use names that sound like commands, or other family members/pets names. It's hard to teach a pet “No” if you name it “Moe”.

Take some time to get to know your pet before naming it to hopefully get a name that really suits them for life.

Top 10 cat names!

Oscar Max Tiger
Sam Misty Simba
Coco Chloe Bella
Missy

Top 10 dog names!

Max Jessie Tess
Sam Jack Chloe
Lucy Jake Toby
Bonnie

Tableting Tantrums

Whether it's your pet's regular worming medicine, a course of medication, or tablets that your pet is on for life, you may find the following tips to be very valuable:

- Make sure that you have an accurate and up-to-date weight on your pet before giving any over-the-counter medications. While many products have a pretty large safety margin, you don't want to risk over-dosing your pet. Also, many drugs (including wormers) are ineffective if under-dosed.

- Always read the directions of the label carefully and follow your vet's dosing instructions. Always give the entire course even if your pet seems better, unless specified by your vet.

- Many medications don't need to be given on an empty stomach and can be mixed with food. Some people find it easier to crush tablets and empty the contents of capsules. Strong smelling food that can disguise the smell of the medication tends to work the best. Use only a small amount of food so that the pet is hungry and you can be sure that it has eaten all the medication, then you can give them the rest of their dinner. Coating tablets in butter/vegemite/peanut butter can also work!

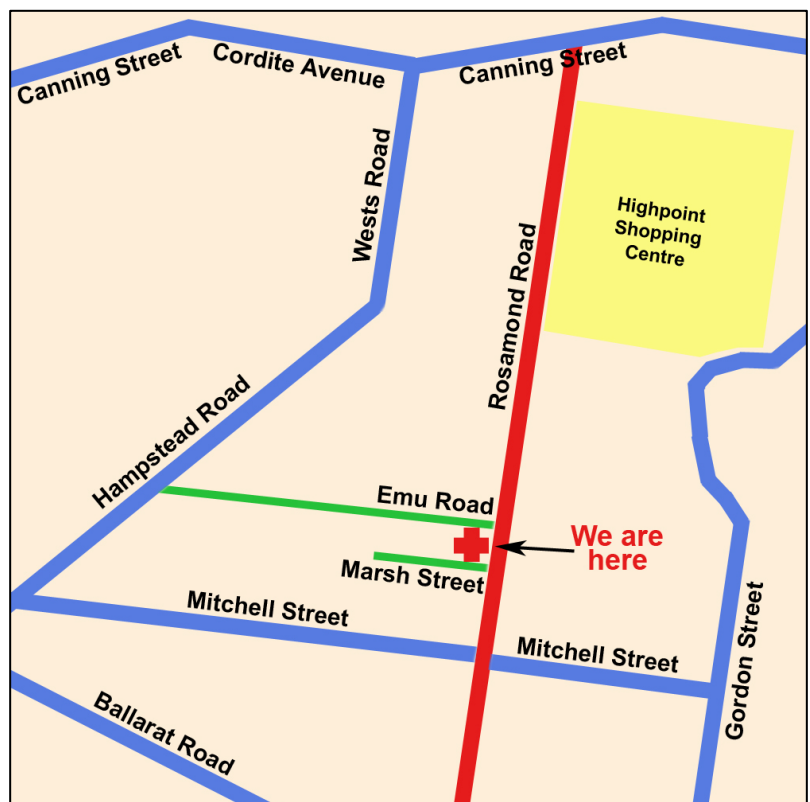
- Some medications are now available either as a chew treat, flavoured tablet or spot-on treatment.

- If you are ever unsure of the dosage or how to medicate your pet, drop in and we can help you.

Quiz for the kids!

1. Do ducks have waterproof feathers?
2. Do bees, wasps or ants make honey?
3. Chameleon, turtle, cobra - which can change colour?
4. Chimp, baboon, gorilla - which one has a tail?
5. Which farmyard bird crows in the morning?
6. Do snakes' eggs have hard or flexible shells?
7. Are pearls found in Oysters or Limpets?
8. Which huge African animal has a horn or two on its nose?
9. Do echidnas live underground or in bushes?
10. What is the name given to a baby swan?

Answers are below the map...



1. Yes 2. Bees 3. Chameleon 4. Baboon 5. Rooster 6. Flexible
7. Oysters 8. Rhinoceros 9. Underground 10. Cygnet