

PAWS & More



Win the flea control battle

Over the winter months many pet owners may become complacent, with lapses in their pet's flea control. In the North Island the climate is too mild to kill off all fleas over winter so, although flea numbers are reduced, they are still there.

Come spring and summer, the flea population explodes and these little critters can become a real issue. Treating religiously once a month will eliminate this problem.

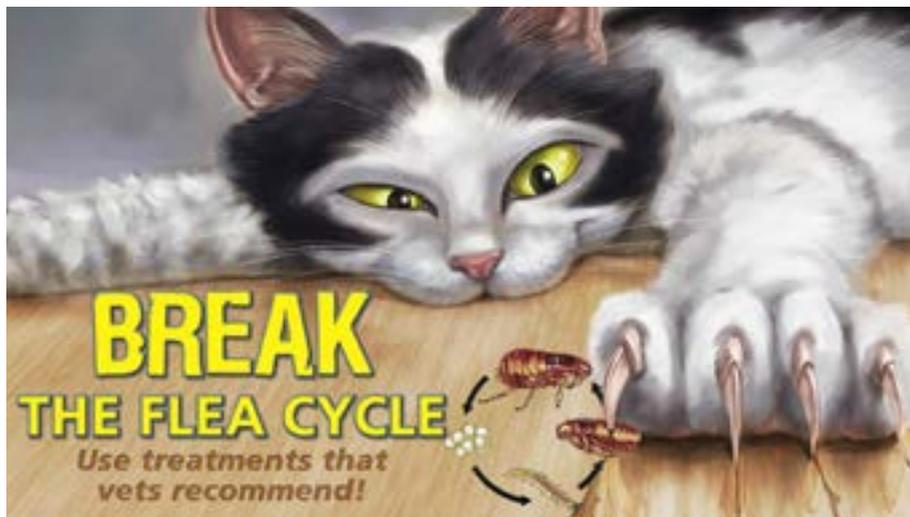
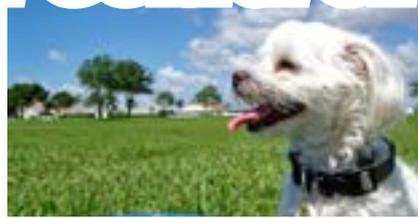
Flea's cause health issues. We see plenty of animals with Flea Allergy Dermatitis [FAD]. This form of dermatitis only takes a single flea bite for your pet's skin to react. FAD can result in redness, sores, itchiness and hair loss.

Worms can't be ignored either.

As a general rule worm your animal every 3 months to keep your animal healthy. Some flea treatments come with worm treatment as a combination. Your pets can pick up worms from anywhere; puppies and kittens are born with roundworms, pets will ingest worms when hunting, foraging outside or from other animals' faeces. Your children can also get worms for your pets. Major worm burdens can cause health issues, bellies that are bloated in appearance, an increased appetite, looser stools and lethargy in your pet.

If you are unsure about which worm treatment you should be using call into one of our clinics.

It's easy to remember: Treat MONTHLY for fleas and 3 MONTHLY for worms.



Super Gold Card Holders Discount

ANEXA FVC offers Super Gold card holders a discount.

We offer \$5 off consultations and 5% of all over the counter products, this includes food, flea treatment and merchandise if you have a Super Gold Card.

We look forward to seeing you instore.



Not all foods are created equal

Not all foods are created equal so make sure your pet gets the **best diet possible!** As vets we cannot emphasise enough the importance of good nutrition for your pet, to ensure good health. Diets need to be tailored to the specific needs of your pet to ensure they lead a healthy life. There are many reasons why you should consider feeding your pet with pet food purchased from your vet.

Advice: Your pet's dietary needs may change as they grow and age. Your vet / vet nurse can offer advice on the best nutrition for all life stages of your pet.

Range: Vet-Only pet food offers a wide range of special diets, such as oral care, weight loss and hairball control.

Tailor-made: Large-breed dogs have different nutritional needs than smaller dogs and therefore need different diet formulations. Breed specific foods are formulated to help control or prevent some of the typical health problems of each breed. Your vet also has access to prescription diets designed for specific health conditions.

Much less mess to clean up: Quality food is highly digestible – therefore less mess and smell when your pet goes to the toilet.

Weight management: Obesity is the most common form of malnutrition in the pets of today. Feeding pets an appropriate quantity of food is very important. High quality food tends to make the animal feel full and satisfied with a smaller quantity.

Dental health: Dental problems are the second most common health problem that we see in our patients. Vet-Only pet foods have special features to help keep your pet's mouth healthy.

Taste: Your pets will love it! Vet-Only diets have a high acceptance rate among pets. But for extra reassurance all our foods are 100% guaranteed. If your pet doesn't like it we will refund the purchase price.

The link between good nutrition and health is well proven in humans and animals, so you want to feed the best food you can to your pets. We believe feeding a top quality veterinary diet will result in a longer and better quality life for your pet. If you are in doubt about the quality of the diet your pet is receiving, come and see us. We can advise on the best diet for your pet's health.



Myth busters

My dog's nose is warm and dry. Does that mean he's sick?

If your dog has a dry nose it means your dog has a dry nose. Maybe he just woke up or something. But a dry nose has nothing to do with a dog's health.



Ringworm is a worm.

Ringworm is in fact a fungal infection found on the skin and typically presents as a ring or circular red lesion.



Animals will let you know when they are sick.

This is not true. Cats and dogs generally are very good at hiding that they are sick by survival instinct, thus not to appear vulnerable to "prey". Often by the time they show you that they are sick, their disease or condition can be quite advanced.



Feline House Soiling

By Wendy Jarnet – Veterinary Nurse, Anexa FVC Thames

Did you know that feline house soiling can often be attributed to aggression between cats, even when they are not fighting outright?

Inappropriate elimination can be caused by medical issues, location preference, litter preference, litter aversion, location aversion, marking, stress, anxiety and litter box factors such as size, cleanliness and placement. Causes of stress can include changes to the environment, new pets (particularly cats), new people or even changes around established outdoor territories with neighbouring cats.

What can you do if your cat is toileting inside?

- ✓ Make an appointment with your veterinarian to ensure there is not a medical reason for the behavior, and if there is they can organize the appropriate tests and/or medication needed.
- ✓ A ratio of two litter trays per cat is ideal with various litter types. Most cats don't like to share toileting areas and often develop preferences for litter type and location.
- ✓ Feed cats in separate areas of the house to ensure every cat has plenty of opportunity to eat as much as it wants in its own time.
- ✓ Multiple placement of water bowls both inside and out, so all cats have free access
- ✓ Scoop out litter boxes daily and totally clean and empty them every 10-14 days
- ✓ Create separate sleeping/relaxing areas so cats can separate themselves if necessary
- ✓ With new kittens or aggressive cats; place a bell (or two) on their collar so other cats know where they are and can move away.
- ✓ Use a calming pheromone product such as Feliway diffusers and spray throughout the house.



Get Prepared For Your Pet's Senior Years

Pets get older sooner than we realise. At just seven years old, most dogs and cats are at retirement age in human terms. And while they may look like they have hardly changed, there are often real changes happening inside.

Just as we go to the doctors for a check-up more frequently as we get older, the same is true for our pets. We need to keep an eye out for diseases early on, like cancers, infections and liver, kidney or dental issues. Some of these problems may be caused by the onset of old age; others might be hereditary or even diet. Taking a few samples gives us the greatest chance of quickly identifying issues early – giving your pet a longer, happier life. Talk to your vet about a **senior pet wellness check-up** for your elderly pet.





Providing a second chance for cats and dogs

In addition to the wide range of services Anexa FVC offers to pet owners, we are also actively involved with assisting to re-home and neuter at risk animals.

In 2014 the Anexa FVC Raglan clinic rehomed 150 animals, made up of cats and dogs and one rabbit. These animals had a thorough check up which included; flea, worm, vaccination, microchip and de-sexing if un-neutered. To fund this work the clinic does regularly fundraising and relies on donations.

Anexa FVC Te Kauwhata works with the fantastic team at Greyhounds for Pets (GAP). We have assisted GAP in the preparation of over 100 greyhounds to be re-homed, providing neutering and dental examinations. These dogs are re-homed far and wide, and it's great to know they have a chance at life outside of the racetrack.

Anexa FVC Thames works with PAWs charity, providing neutering of hundreds of animals at a reduced price for low income families. This ensures we maintain a healthy pet population and importantly control the number of unwanted puppies and kittens in the area.

We look forward to providing further support in this area over the coming year

Digital x-rays provide excellent service

Anexa FVC Raglan and Morrinsville are delighted with their new digital x-ray developers. Gone are the days of developing x-rays in a time consuming film bath; we now have digital x-ray developers to deliver instant results to the veterinarians. This really helps with a faster diagnosis of the animal's condition, which reduces the stress for the pet owner and allows us to get on with providing the necessary treatment. Another key benefit is having the option of sharing the x-ray via email with other vets. If a second opinion is required they can be emailed instantly rather than having to courier the printed films. This is a real advantage to our clinics, due to our rural town locations.

Although a huge investment for the clinics, these machines are well worth having, as they allow us to continue to deliver excellent service to our clients.

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Myth busters

Frequent baths make dogs smell nice, but can they also cause doggy dandruff?

They sure can. So let's not cause a dry-skin blizzard. Keep the washings to a minimum and make sure you only use soap that's made specifically for canines. Human shampoo can irritate a dog's skin.

Do dogs heal themselves by licking their wounds?

Yes, to a certain extent. A small amount of licking can help clean a wound, but excessive licking can actually slow down the healing process. It can even cause further damage to the wound and invite infection.

A scooting pet has worms.

Scooting is usually an indication of impacted or infected anal glands or localized skin infection. Occasionally pets do scoot with tapeworms because the segments that are shed can cause some irritation.



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