

AUTUMN NEWSLETTER 2010

STAFF NEWS

Now that the hectic Spring/Summer work period is over, the Staff of Shaw's Veterinary Hospital are thinking about THEIR holidays. There will be a few absences over the next few months.

DAVID is going to New Zealand in March to watch cricket (fairly predictable!) and catch up with relatives in Tauranga and Auckland.

ANNE is heading to the U.K. and the Netherlands in April/May (well earned long service leave) . She will be catching up with old friends, and tramping around Scotland looking for bones/remains of ancestors from her maternal side.

BELINDA is off to Fiji in March for a wedding ("why couldn't they have it a bit closer") and then to the Pan Pacific Veterinary conference at the end of May.

JAYNE isn't going anywhere, except to work.

SANDI has commenced studying for her Certificate IV in Veterinary Nursing, after completing Animal Certificate II last year. We wish her the best of luck with this challenging course.

PRACTICE NEWS

FLEA CONTROL

It has been another bad Summer for fleas in our area. We have been inundated with requests for advice and products, as well as being presented with the usual run of itchy dogs and cats. Unfortunately, we often find that pet owners "slacken off" with flea control once the weather cools a bit, or the flea numbers drop . Flea control in this area is a YEAR ROUND commitment , regardless of which product you are using. Failure to do so can lead to a massive hatch of fleas the following Spring/Summer, so for optimum flea control, remember to use the product best suited to your pet's needs every month of the year. If you are still unsure of the best way to tackle fleas, please give us a call, or drop into the surgery.

COMFORTIS

This is the new once-a-month tablet for flea control in dogs. So far, the feedback we are getting from owners is very positive, with most reporting rapid killing of fleas on their dogs, and effectiveness for the full month, even in multi-pet households. These results are very encouraging, since there are so many products on the market these days that are not effective.

PUPPY PRESCHOOL

We recently passed a milestone in our puppy school, with the 300th puppy graduating since we began in 2004. Hopefully, most of them are still out there, being well behaved and well socialized family pets.

NEW RANGE OF COLLARS

We are now stocking a new range of ***Padded Reflector Collars*** and ***Soft Choker Collars*** for dogs, which provide a gentler alternative to the traditional check chains. The KRUUSE ***Buster Gear*** range of products are virtually indestructible, and are available in 4 adjustable sizes to fit all dogs. Priced from \$7.90 to \$13.30 they represent tremendous value for such a quality range.

Best Wishes from the staff of SHAW'S VETERINARY HOSPITAL.