

NEWSLETTER



BEAT THE HEAT: KEEPING YOUR PETS SAFE, COOL & HAPPY THIS SUMMER

Welcome!

Happy New Year from all of us at Hallam Park Animal Hospital! We hope you and your furry friends had a wonderful holiday season.

Summer in Melbourne can bring beautiful days along with sudden heatwaves and just like us our pets can struggle in hot weather, so a little extra care goes a long way.

Here are our top tips to help your dogs and cats stay safe all summer long.

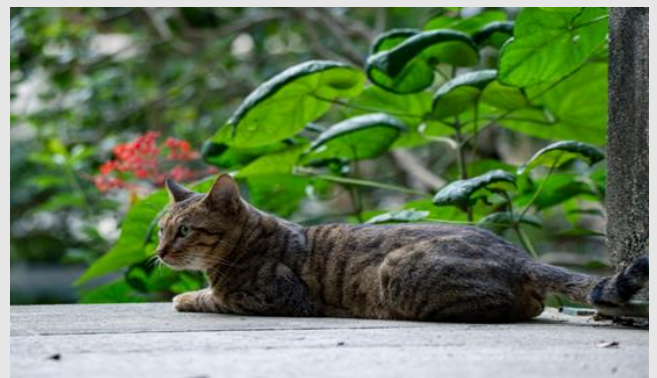
Staying Cool & Hydrated

Heat stroke and heat exhaustion are two common conditions that can affect our pets during hot days. It is important to always provide you pets with **fresh water**, keep them **indoors** during the hottest part of the day, and **never leave animals in the car** even if “just for a minute”

Signs of heat stress include:

- Heavy panting or drooling
- Lethargy or weakness
- Vomiting or collapsing

Extra care should be taken with breeds such as French Bulldogs and Persians, as well as overweight pets or those with heart conditions.



Did you know?

We now offer free nurse consults!

If you're concerned about your pet's weight, allergies, dental health, or even mobility our friendly team of vet nurses are here to help answer your questions.

Call the clinic (03 8786 3900) to find out more and book an appointment!

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Summer Walks & Outdoor Safety

Walking pets in hot weather requires extra care, especially during Melbourne's warmer months when temperatures can rise quickly.

Always plan walks for the **early morning or late evening**, when the air and ground temperatures are cooler. **Keep walks shorter** on hot days, stick to **shaded routes or grassy areas**, and **bring water** for both you and your dog.

Cats should not be walked in the heat at all; instead, keep them indoors during hot periods with access to cool, quiet resting spots.

Parasite Prevention

Parasite prevention is an essential part of keeping pets healthy, especially during the warmer months when parasites are more active.

Year-round parasite prevention is the safest and most effective approach, as many parasites survive well beyond summer. By using vet-recommended products tailored to your pet's species, size, and lifestyle helps protect them and your home.

Regularly check your pets for scratching, hair loss, skin redness, or ticks, and contact your vet if you notice anything unusual. If you're unsure which parasite protection your dog or cat is currently on, or if it needs updating, come down to the clinic so we can help choose the safest and most effective option for your pet.

Thank you for reading!

Our issues are now released seasonally, but if you'd like to keep up to date with us more regularly be sure to follow our social media accounts for a variety of content including key dates and operating hours, photobooth fun, and behind the scenes!

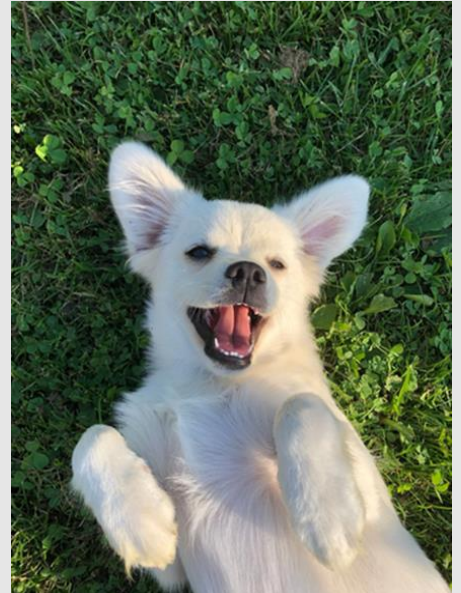


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Quick Tip!

Before heading out, place the back of your hand on the pavement for five seconds — if it's too hot for you, it's too hot for your dog's paws and can cause painful burns.

