



Hiya everyone

In light of the Pet Appreciation Month (well week), I am changing this months Dog of the Month feature. This month I will be featuring ALL my clients as I appreciate you all! Regardless if you are receiving this newsletter for the first time or you are a long standing customer, I appreciate you all!



# SPRING/SUMMER

We are willing spring/summer to arrive soon and with summer (supposedly) just around the corner we will be out more with our pets. I have compiled a few things to remember, if/when we get the sunny weather, whilst out and about ©

## NEW THINGS ON THE HORIZON

Back in January in the first Awesome Pawz newsletter, I mentioned that this year is going to be Awesome Pawz year! I am excited to say that new things are coming but I don't want to jinx it too much so watch this space!

I can, however, say that from the end of August I will be able to offer Pet First Aid courses to my clients, clients family, friends etc Watch this space for more details soon...

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### Canine mites infest the skin and hair on the dogs. There are different species of mites

- Sarcoptic Mange Mites these are highly contagious mites which burrow into the skin causing itching, hair loss, scabbing etc
- Demodex Mites these are naturally occurring mites that live in your dogs hair follicles and oil glands. Demodex is cause from the mites overpopulating causing ifching, hair loss, scabbing and redness
- Ear Mites these are tiny little mites that live in the dogs ears causing itching and shaking of the head. Left untreated they can cause infections
- Harvest Mites these are tiny, orange mites that live in soil and commonly found in grassy and woodland environments. These are more prevalent in the summer and cause intense itching and reddening of the skin
  - Cheyletiella Mites these are also known as walking dandruff mites because they appear to be dandruff flakes moving around the dogs body. These cause itching and scaling of the skin
- Direct contact with an infested animal, during play, mutual grooming or sleeping in close proximity of another dog can contribute to the spreading of mites. Mites can be cause serious health issues if left untreated.



If you suspect your pet has any form of mites, please seek veterinary advice immediately.

#### Did you know pets can suffer fatal heat stroke in minutes!!

Know the signs of overheating and act quickly – heat stroke is treatable, but it's so important to catch the signs early on. Look

- out for:
- Excessive panting with thick saliva
  - Acting unusually lethargic
    - Vomiting or diarrhea
- Deep red tongue and brick red gums (in dogs)
  - Open mouth breathing (in cats).

If you recognise any of these signs when on a walk, stop, find a shady spot, give your dog water, and seek veterinary advice immediately!

In the correct environment conditions, flea larvae hatch from eggs in one to 6 days. Flea larvae is small and around 1/4 inch in length. Larvea feed on adult flea feces.

The entire flea cycle depends on the environment and conditions meaning a fully developed flea can stay in their cocoon for

almost a year!

FLEA CYCLE

Fleas are wingless insects that possess the incredible ability to jump

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An immature flea is one that hasn't yet fed on your pet. Female fleas can produce 50 eggs per day. In a female fleas lifetime they can lay 2000 eggs. Flea eggs fall off the pets hair into the environment



Adult fleas are attracted to heat, movement and exhaled carbon dioxide. Adult fleas can feed immediately after emerging from their cocoon, if on/near the host.













































































