

# HEATHMONT MONTHLY VET NEWS

## August 2012



**Dog breath is nothing  
to smile about ...**



**... even for a cat.**



Grade 1 dental disease

### Clinic News

.Lots of great things happening here at the moment. We have launched a new dental program with massive savings on the cost of scaling teeth (see next article). We have also revamped our Senior program with an emphasis on early detection and treatment of disease.

We were chuffed to be listed again as one of the top 5 vet clinics in Melbourne by WOMO (see below for a link to WOMO).

Our Facebook friends are growing in number so if you want to be informed or just have a good laugh, check out our page.

### August is Dental Month

To celebrate Dental Month and to demonstrate our commitment to improving the dental health of our clients' pets we have slashed the cost of Grade 1 dentals to less than half the price for the month of August. Grade 1 dental disease is when there is less than half the surface of the teeth covered in tartar and no gum disease or loose teeth (see picture) .

Many owners don't think about or do anything about their pet's teeth until their breath is really bad or the pet has trouble eating. However, recent research has shown that the bacteria in plaque on teeth invade the gums and get into the bloodstream ending up in the internal organs causing damage to these organs.

By acting early you not only dramatically improve the quality of your pet's life, you save yourself literally hundreds of dollars. A Grade 3 or 4 dental can end up costing well over \$600.

If you are not sure what state your pets teeth are in then book them in for a **free dental check**.

**Special price** \$180 for dogs. This includes General anaesthesia, scale and polish, hospitalisation, intravenous fluids and post-dental check-up.

For cats, the cost is just \$150. These prices are less than the cost of an anaesthetic so can't last long so act now and



## Food Facts and Furfies –No. 2

*Dogs and cats should live on raw meaty bones*

Feeding raw bones to pets is a controversial topic and as it is Dental Month I thought I should tackle this issue. On one side are the RMB (Raw Meaty Bones) lobby who preach both the virtues of a raw diet, popularised by the BARF diet and the evils of commercial food. At the other end of the spectrum are, not surprisingly, the pet food manufacturers who espouse the wonders of their product and the dangers of feeding raw meat and bones. Who is right?

[Read more](#) ➤ at

<http://heathmontvet.com.au/food-facts-furfies-no-2/>

## How to add on years to your cat's life

Two of the most common problems in cats are cystitis and kidney disease, both of which are made worse by the fact that cats are not good drinkers. Have you noticed they rarely seem to drink out of the water bowl you provide? Probably the best investment you can make to help your cat live longer, especially if your cat has recurrent cystitis, is a water drinking fountain. Cats are attracted to running water and love to drink from running taps. These fountains have pumps that recirculate the water allowing the cat to drink from the running water at any time and not have to wait for you to turn a tap on!

They are available on the internet or through pet shops and cost between \$60 - \$120. If it saves one trip to the vet from just one bout of cystitis it will pay for itself very quickly.



Catit drinking fountain



## TRIVIA NIGHT: The Battle of the Breeds

We are hosting a Trivia night in support of the vulnerable in our society – abused and neglected children and animals. This promises to be a fantastic night with the theme of the Battle of the Breeds which each table representing a breed of dog or cat. Gourmet supper provided, lots of prizes and a silent auction on the night. Get together with your friends or family and come a support Animal Aid and Southern Cross Kids Camps.

**Date** October 27<sup>th</sup> @ 7 pm

**Venue** Heathmont Uniting Church hall

**Cost** \$15/ticket or \$120 for table of 10

Book online at <http://www.trybooking.com/BTED>  
or register at the clinic



### **Lost and Found on Facebook**

If you haven't liked us yet on Facebook, make sure next time you are on Facebook you check us out and 'like' us. We only post once or twice a week so you will not be bombarded with posts and we are planning to use FB for a lost and found service so the more friends we have the better.

If you have lost a pet you can send a digital photo and we will post it on our FB page.

[Heathmont Animal Hospital - Pet Services - Heathmont, vi | Facebook](#)

### **Have you reviewed us?**

We grow our practice largely by referrals from delighted clients so review sites such as WOMO are really important to us. If you are happy with our service we would really appreciate it if you get onto

<http://www.womo.com.au/reviews/Heathmont-Animal-Hospital-Heathmont/> and say a few words about us. ☺

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