



Spring Has Sprung!



As we welcome in the season of beach, barbeques, hay fever and holidays, we mustn't forget our furry friends. For the nemesis of many a dog and cat, the humble flea, will be out in force again soon. If you haven't been quite as diligent as you intended with keeping your furry family member up to date with their parasite control, we have the solution for you!

If you sign up (or renew) in October and November we are offering \$20 off any size of 'Bug Pack', covering your flea and worming product needs for a whole year!

Signing up for our Bug Pack gets you:

- 12 months, vet recommended parasite control, mailed out to your house at the start of each month for convenience
- 6 month treatment check to ensure these products are working for you
- Protection for your pet, family and your home from fleas & worms (particularly important if you have young children)
- 20% off retail price
- Convenient payment; monthly or yearly (additional direct debit fee on monthly payments)

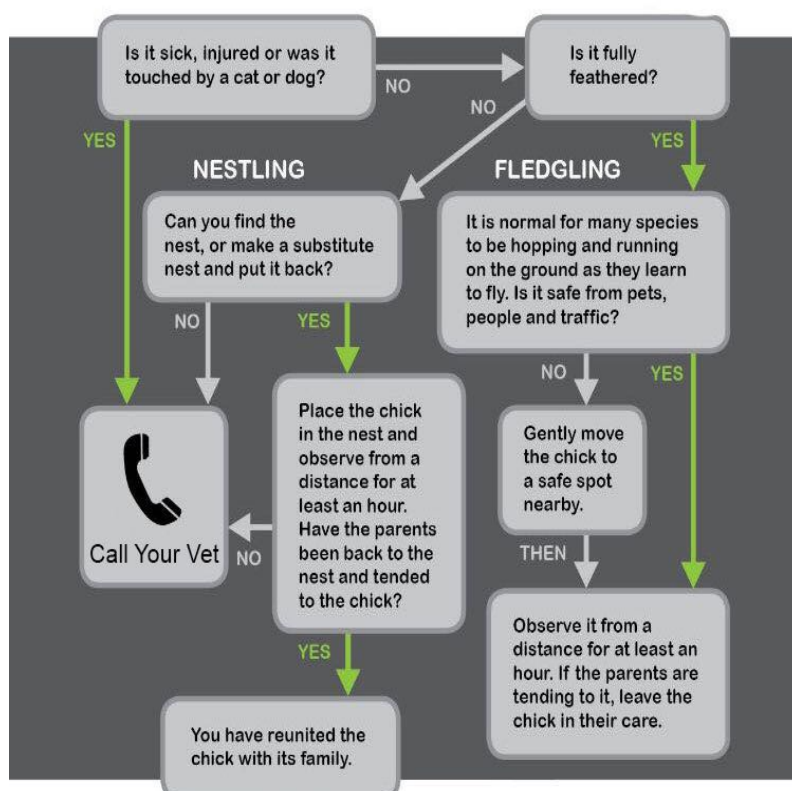
* Prices start at \$204 per year pre discount. Contact clinic for an accurate price based on your pets weight.

What to do with Wildlife..

It's been raining possums, parrots and assorted wildlife at the clinic recently. Read on to find out what to do if you find a baby bird in your backyard!

The start of spring has brought an influx of baby animals into the clinic, particularly wildlife and birds who have been found by concerned members of the public and clients. Unfortunately, once brought into the clinic, even if they are healthy it can be very difficult to reunite them with their parents, and hand rearing by our wonderful carers is a difficult job, and not always successful.

Here are some handy hints to decide what to do should you be in this situation. Hopefully, we can work together to get the baby animal back with its parents and its best shot at life.



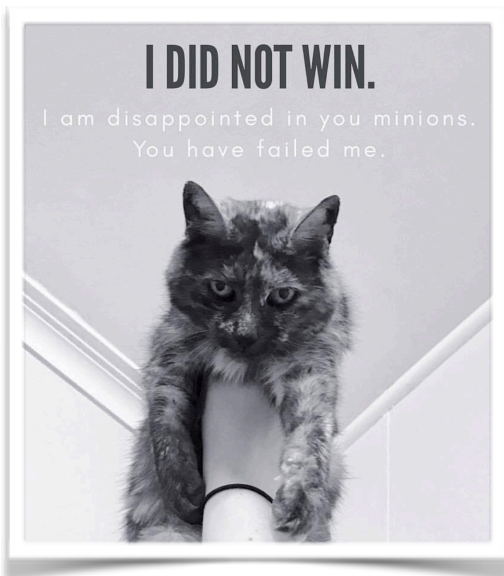
POSTCARDS FROM VANUATU; PETER RETURNS TO HEATHMONT

It's hard to believe that 3 months have gone already since my wife and I left for Vanuatu. Liz is busy working at a NGO, "Disability Promotion & Advocacy", helping people with disabilities. My job is to cook for her and look after the house which I am enjoying immensely. The food here is all organic but limited to what is in season. The island of Santo is like a tropical paradise and we are exploring the wonderful blue holes and coral reefs around. We recently flew to the island of Tanna to visit the world's most accessible volcano, Mt Yasur, which was a truly amazing experience. (Also very unnerving standing on the rim of an active volcano with a gale force wind blowing).

There is no vet in Santo, so there are a lot of dogs running around the place. I have been in contact with the vet in Port Vila (the capital) and we may be able to do some desexing clinics for the local dogs and cats through the animal charity in Vila, "Sam's Animal Welfare", in a few months' time. I did manage to spay the cat that has adopted us and did it as a demonstration for the Paravet course at the Vanuatu Agricultural College. There is an Aussie vet nurse who lives here, so it was a good opportunity for a practical demonstration, and a chance for me to avoid ending up with a whole litter of kittens! The facilities were very basic but the students videoing the procedure with their mobile phones provided good light!

I am back for just 10 days from the 13th to the 22nd December before I fly back for another 6 months so I look forward to seeing some of you then.

Will write again soon,
Peter



In other clinic news, our most important member of staff, Diva, did NOT win the Dermcare Clinic Cat of the Year competition despite our best efforts. Dermcare was nice enough to send along a hamper of goodies anyway as Diva made the Top 20 in Australia, and was crowned the "Most Divalicious" of course! She is currently enjoying her greenies and attention...

Check out our Instagram for Diva's take on the daily happenings at the clinic.

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