



Heathmont Vet News



Nationwide Cat Vaccination Shortage

Due to supply chain issues post COVID there's an Australia-wide shortage of feline vaccines which is expected to continue until early 2024. We're working tirelessly to secure more core vaccine doses from suppliers, but the shortage remains.

We're consulting with feline experts and vaccine manufacturers to ensure we make the most of our limited supplies. At this stage that means prioritising high risk patients including previously unvaccinated kittens and adult cats, as well as high risk patients (immunocompromised, etc).

You will continue to receive your reminders regarding your cat being due annual vaccinations and health checks and we urge you to schedule your cat's health check as usual to determine what approach we should be taking for your cat, as well as making sure we identify any health conditions or concerns that may have developed since their last exam. Cats are masters at masking disease, therefore we do not recommend delaying this important check up til vaccine stocks are replenished.

Whilst we're doing everything possible to ensure that those in the most need receive vaccination, we appreciate that this situation may cause inconvenience to some pet families. We thank you for your patience and cooperation whilst we navigate this shortage



Christmas Greetings

We can't believe it is December again already!

We wanted to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy (and healthy) New Year!

Thank you for all your support this year, and for entrusting us with the wellbeing of your beloved pets in 2023. We look forward to continuing our relationships with the local pets and people of Heathmont in 2024 and beyond.

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Holiday Crafts with Pets!

Salt dough ornaments

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Materials:

1 cup salt
1 cup flour
1/2 cup water
Baking paper/foil
Round cutter/glass
Straw/pen

Directions:

Mix salt, flour and water well. Knead for 30 sec and roll out to 0.5-1cm thickness.
Use upturned glass or cookie cutter to create individuals circles
Press dog/cat paw into dough
Use straw/pen to punch hole at the top
Bake at 200degrees for 2-3hrs til completely dry.
Once cool, decorate as desired!

Behaviour Consults

After successfully completing a 10 month continuing education course in companion animal behaviour Dr Kaylee will now be offering behaviour-focussed consultations in 2024. Putting into practice what she has learnt this year, her consults are by appointment only and require a long appointment time and pre consult questionnaire. Please call the clinic on 9729 4466 to book and recieve your pre consult instructions.

* Please Note Dr Kaylee is NOT a specialist in behaviour medicine

Spring Wildlife Wrap Up

A busy Spring season in the clinic saw us treating injured wildlife daily! From possums, both brushtail and ringtail, to a variety of birds including kookaburras, galahs, magpies, wattlebirds, pacific black ducks, tawny frogmouths and barn owls. We even saw a bluetongue lizard and sugarglider!

In summary HAH treated 89 wildlife this Spring, at a cost of approximately \$7-8000 to the clinic including medications, anaesthetics and radiographs.

On your next visit perhaps consider purchasing a gift card or fabric tuggy toy (with all proceeds going to our Isobel Fund for Wildlife care) or making a donation to support our ongoing work.

Christmas Opening Hours

Happy Holidays folks! It's time for everyone to take a break and spend time with family, staff included, therefore our opening hours over the Christmas-New Year break are going to be different from normal as we close to observe the public holidays. For all appointments during this period please call 9729 4466. Outside of these hours please contact Mt Waverley AEC on 9803 8122 OR MASH 1800 838 787

Saturday	Dec 23		OPEN 9am-3pm
Sunday	Dec 24	Christmas Eve	CLOSED
Monday	Dec 25	Christmas Day	CLOSED
Tuesday	Dec 26	Boxing Day	CLOSED
Wednesday	Dec 27		OPEN 8.30am-7.30pm
Thursday	Dec 28		OPEN 8.30am-7.30pm
Friday	Dec 29		OPEN 8.30am-7.30pm
Saturday	Dec 30		OPEN 9am-3pm
Sunday	Dec 31	New Years Eve	CLOSED
Monday	Jan 1	New Years Day	CLOSED

