



4 PAWS VET

NEWSLETTER WINTER 2012

What's new at 4 Paws Vet!

Staff Updates:

- We are sad to announce that Dr Nathan Harris has left 4 Paws Vet to work closer to home. We said goodbye to him at the end of June. Good luck Nathan!
- We are very pleased to welcome our new vet, **Dr Natalie Burke**. Natalie commences work at 4 Paws Vet on July 23rd. Natalie comes to us after a few years at the RSPCA so she brings lots of valuable experience in both medicine and

The **4 Paws Senior Pet Health Screening Promotion** has managed to so far detect and treat pets with Cancer, Cushings Disease, overactive thyroid and high fat levels in the blood. Make sure you book your senior pet in for an appointment before the end of August.

surgery. Welcome Natalie!

Special Cat consulting room:

- Next time you bring your precious moggy in to 4 Paws Vet you'll notice we have upgraded one of our consulting rooms to specially accommodate cats.
- We have equipped the room with an array of eco-friendly cat furniture including a 'smart cat' display
- The larger room and Feliway pheromone allows your cat to relax and explore while you are chatting to the vet.

Senior Pet Health Screening Promotion:

4 Paws is offering our clients with a senior pet the following introductory package:

- \$20 off a consultation
- \$30 off a comprehensive blood test
- FREE urine test
- FREE weight assessment

Call now and make an appointment as this offer finishes at the end of August.

Does your pet suffer from debilitating arthritis?

It is estimated that one in five dogs and one in ten cats have arthritis. It is the most common source of chronic pain that Veterinarians treat.

In many pets the signs of arthritis are quite obvious but in others they are subtle and may include the following:

- unwilling to exercise
- limping on one or more legs
- stiff, or difficulty getting up
- reluctance to climb stairs or jump onto the couch or into the car
- becoming withdrawn, grumpy, irritable or less playful

To diagnose arthritis in your pet they will undergo an examination & may also require Xrays, Ultrasound, CT scan, blood tests or even joint biopsies.

Our aim is then to provide life-long pain relief for your pet which is safe & effective ensuring a good quality of life. Treatment will often involve a combination of daily medications, injections, weight loss, exercise, acupuncture, physiotherapy, warm bedding and medical diets such as Hills j/d.

‘Spiegel the Protector’ finally protected

The most important resident arguably, at Taldumande Youth Service’s Neutral Bay Refuge for homeless youth, is a four legged one – the adored Spiegel the cat. With the important title of ‘Therapy Cat’, Spiegel has provided ongoing love and comfort to over a hundred teens in need,

yet his own future has been hanging over a cloud.



For 6 years Spiegel has been protecting his territory, by bravely going into battle with other neighbourhood

Spiegel with 4 Paws Vet Head Nurse, Emma McGowan

cats and possums during the annual mating season. Over the years he has sustained a number of serious injuries raking up hefty medical bills, which the resource limited refuge has struggled to afford. His latest battle wounds included a serious bite to the back of his neck, resulting in an abscess infection, which now refuses to heal. The seed of an infection remains and poor Spiegel requires ongoing TLC both physically and financially, with regular medical attention.

Spiegel’s latest fight proved just one too many for Taldumande Youth Services management and the reluctant order came for Spiegel to find a new home. In true Spiegel fighting spirit, the decision was fought by the young residents, with a petition and a letter to the board.

Their prayers were answered with the emergence of another hero, in the name of 4 Paws Veterinary Clinic in Neutral Bay. 4 Paws has offered to sponsor Spiegel, absorbing all of his future medical costs. “We are just thrilled to see such support

from the community. The alternative would have been simply devastating” says Christine Duggan, Taldumande’s Senior Caseworker and Program Co-ordinator.

To find out more about Taldumande visit www.taldumande.org.au

Should you continue treating your pet for fleas over winter?

The answer is YES! It is important over winter to keep up regular MONTHLY flea prevention for both dogs and cats even if they do not come in contact with other pets. This is because, with Sydney’s coastal climate and our pleasant warm homes, fleas are still active even though we cannot see this on our pets as easily as in the warm months.

PETS IN THE CITY NEWS

FREE \$300 VOUCHER!

For a limited time, spend \$100 or more in a single transaction at Pets in the City and receive a \$300 voucher from Tania Niwa photography for a professional pet portrait session. See an example of Tania’s beautiful work behind the 4 Paws Vet reception desk.

PET WATER FOUNTAINS

Did you know that increasing your pet’s water intake is one of the easiest ways to improve and promote urinary and kidney health? Pet water fountains have been specially designed to encourage drinking by appealing to an animal’s love of fresh, moving and aerated water.

Talk to your vet about how a water fountain could help your dog or cat and drop in to Pets in the City to see our great range.