



# Belmont Veterinary Centre



## Spring Newsletter

# PAWPRINTS

### What's on at the BVC

Where do we even start to reflect on the year that has been 2020, life at the BVC has looked very different the past 6 months.

We have been operating in 3 teams to minimize the effect if one of our team tests positive for COVID and have been wearing face masks since March. But through it all we have found comfort in still being able to work and do the job we love so much – caring for your pets.

We hope that you have all been keeping safe and happy through all the uncertainty. We are excited and hopeful for the future and hopefully be able to see our friends and family that we haven't been able to the past few months.

With the weather warming up, life goes on and our pet hazards haven't had any time off during this pandemic.

Please be mindful when walking your pets in long grass and off lead as our snake friends will have woken up and have become active. Also, don't forget to check for grass seeds in your pet's coat, ears and between their toes! Grass seeds can enter the bloodstream and lead to nasty infection and in some cases even death.

With Spring comes increased pollen and so allergies may be flaring up and our pets may be becoming itchy. Keep up to date with all parasite management and call us if you have any worries about your pets skin, eyes or ears.

The bright spark on the horizon is Christmas and we are very excited to be able to reconnect and celebrate together as a team if things stay on track.

Thank you so much from the bottom of our hearts for your constant support this year and we hope to see all your smiling faces "sans masks" one day soon,

*Much Love ~ Team BVC*

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### Public Holiday Closures

- Christmas Day—Friday 25th December
- Weekend of 26th—27th December
- Boxing Day Public Holiday—Monday 28th December
- New Years Day—Friday 1st January
- Australia Day— Tuesday 26th January

### Fun Facts

- Snails can sleep for 3 years
- It takes a sloth 2 weeks to digest food
- Cows can sleep standing up, but only dream when laying down
- Cats have 32 muscles in their ears
- Most elephants weigh less than the tongue of a blue whale
- The strike of an eagle can be 2 x stronger than a rifle shot
- Turkeys can reproduce without mating



In all of the craziness that this year has brought with it, a bit of sparkle and fun hopped in to our lives when Dr. Richard found this spunky bunny hopping about in his paddocks! Richard was planting some trees when this little guy thought it would be fun to help out. Richard brought him in for a check-up and so we could scan him for a microchip. With no microchip we were unable to locate an owner. Nurse Lily fell in love at first sight and has adopted him as her own! Lily has named him Glenn, and he is living the life of luxury now as a spoilt indoor rabbit.

**FEEL GOOD STORY-TIME**



**What We're Grateful For**

- Richard** - our whole team who have been working so hard in their teams during Covid-19
- Lisa** - The last 6 months have been difficult but I am so grateful that the BVC community came together so that we could continue to provide care to the pets that needed us. Clients have been generous in their support and the team have offered us unwavering compassion and understanding as we sailed through the choppy waters. I am so grateful to be surrounded by these people. They make my heart sing!
- Lucy** - I am grateful for all Victorians sticking together and doing their part to get us through this pandemic. We are seeing the light at the end of the tunnel!
- Maria** - working with such a wonderful team of nurses
- Amelia** - the ability to still work (with animals especially) during this crazy time
- Laura** - I'm grateful that we haven't had to social distance from our patients and been able to get all the hugs
- Lily** - I am very grateful for how helpful, supportive and patient everyone at BVC has been with me, particularly Maria and Lauz since starting here!! Every single person has made me feel like a valued part of the team
- Sophie** - Grateful for the teams I work with & that every day I get to learn something new
- Rachel** - For having such a supportive and encouraging team leader who has taught me so much
- Saira** - being able to spend more time with my pets at home during the pandemic
- Peta** -having a job during these uncertain times

**Medication Requests and General Enquiries**

When you need a renewal of any medications for your pet, please phone ahead on **(03) 5241 2388**, or visit our website at <https://belmontvetcentre.com.au/> where you can fill out a form to request medications. Please allow 24 hours for your medication requests to be filled. We also love that you check in on our social media! But just a friendly reminder that if you have any enquiries or wish to make appointments please call our land line or jump on to our website so that we may help you more in a more efficient way, rather than contacting us via our social networking sites.

**Fleas**

- Warm weather makes fleas mature faster, they will now be migrating out of hibernation and becoming more active
- they can enter your home through via your pet, through a crack in the window, on old furniture or even by hitching a ride on you!
- Just because your pet may be strictly indoors, doesn't mean they can't get fleas

**Signs of fleas include:**

- Itching
- Red spots on stomach, under the legs or at the base of the tail
- Hair loss
- Dry or irritated skin



**Did you know...**

- Adult fleas only account for 5% of the flea population, the eggs, larvae and pupae are hiding in your carpet, furniture, dog bedding and the garden!

Prevention is better than cure! If you think your pet may have fleas or have questions about how to prevent your furry friends from getting fleas, contact us and we will be happy to help.

