

devoted vets

for your animal's life!



for your pet's health

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New puppy
or kitten?
Get them started
on the right paw
with a FREE
check!

Why do we love
our dogs so
much, and why
do they love us
right back?

A warning to cat
owners - care
with flea control!

Taking your pet
on holidays?
Make sure you
have them
well covered
against heart-
worm and
paralysis tick

Claira's Corner

*On behalf of all the team at
Devoted Vets, have a wonderful
holiday season,
Christmas and
New Year!*

A stylized, handwritten signature that reads "Rod".

Buying a new puppy or kitten? Start right!

Getting a new pet is an exciting time! Get off to a great start with our FREE New Puppy or Kitten Check-up. This offer includes a full consultation and worming with lots of friendly advice on what to feed, how to control parasites and when to desex your new pet.

You can also enroll puppies in our very popular puppy preschool.

To take up the offer, you must have purchased the puppy or kitten within 3 days of the check up. We love meeting puppies and kittens!
Just phone 5623 2525.
(Vaccinations are not included.)



Gotta get that lovin' feeling...

There's good science behind the mutual love thing. When we gaze at our pets, we release the cuddle hormone oxytocin - the hormone that bonds mothers to their babies and is also highly involved in partner and social bonding.

New research in the publication Science has announced it's a two way affair. When we gaze at our dogs, oxytocin is also released into the dog's bloodstream, increasing its bonding to us!

This gaze behaviour is unique to dogs; not even the wolf (modern dog's ancestor) has this trick. It goes a long way to explaining why dogs get into our hearts, and why they have such a special place in society.

Did you know flea treatments for dogs are poisonous to cats?

Read Mia's story! One night Mia's owner accidentally used a generic dog flea treatment for Mia, the family cat. When she woke the next morning, Mia was already experiencing the toxic side effects of an insecticide overdose - trembling and twitching.

A convulsion (or fit) followed, and Mia's owner placed the emergency call to Devoted Vets at 6.30am.

Mia was anaesthetised, connected to an intravenous drip, given an antidote, then bathed with 3 treatments of shampoo to rinse off all the flea treatment. Side effects can last for 48 hours while the poison wears off. Mia made a great recovery.

One word of warning: dog flea treatments should never be "split" to treat multiple cats. Same result!



Going on holidays with your pet?

If your dog or cat is travelling with you, don't forget to make sure your dogs are protected from heartworm and paralysis tick. For Heartworm we recommend an annual vaccination with **Proheart SR-12** as you don't have to remember to give monthly treatments.



For paralysis tick, we recommend **Nexguard** which is a chewable product that lasts one month, or **Bravecto** which lasts for 3 months.

For cats we recommend **Frontline** for paralysis tick.

Merry Christmas and have a Great New Year from Clairra, Charlie and all of their mates at Devoted Vets!



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Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday: 8am to 5pm

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