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\$10 OFF

Senior Pet 6 Month Wellness Check
(Pets over 7 years of age)

Not valid with any other discounts or offers. Limit one per person.



20% OFF

Cat and Dog Toys
valid until 30 Sept 09

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\$10 OFF

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50% OFF

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50% OFF

Any 3kg Bag of
Eukanuba Dog Food



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50% OFF

Any 907g Bag of
Jams Cat Food



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\$2 OFF

A Pack of Revolution Cat Flea
and Worm Treatment
(does not include singles)



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FRONTLINE



\$3 OFF

Your next purchase of Frontline
Flea Treatment for Dogs and Cats
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Tristram Street Clinic
Ph (07) 838 2200
Central City Hospital,
Cnr Mill & Tristram Sts. (Opp Waikato Stadium).

Dinsdale Clinic
Ph (07) 847 2669
Dinsdale Shopping Centre
42 Whatawhata Rd, Hamilton.

Hillcrest Clinic
Ph (07) 856 9212
Hillcrest Shops
113 Cambridge Rd, Hamilton.

Flagstaff Clinic
Ph (07) 854 0526
Flagstaff Shops
River Rd, Hamilton.



Winter 2009

SNUGGLE UP AND KEEP WARM WITH YOUR PETS THIS WINTER

Hey there pet lover

We bet your four legged friends are poking their noses out the door and like you, are staying inside and keeping warm and cozy. Hopefully some of you have managed to escape the cold and enjoyed a tropical holiday on a lovely sun drenched warm Pacific island getaway. For those who have stayed closer to home, turn up the heater, settle in and stay warm.

During the winter months our team are very busy attending conferences and day courses. This keeps them up to date with the latest treatments and procedures in veterinary care so they can take even better care of your pet. We also attend courses on how we can best look after you when you visit our clinics. Your feedback is always welcomed on how we can best meet your needs.

The Pet Practice Team
Vets that love pets

WINTER CAT KILLER WARNING



A lot of pet owners are often faced with the distressing reality of their cats dying suddenly from a blocked bladder. This condition happens only in male cats who are often overweight.

Blocked bladders are normally caused by sandy material in the cats urine which blocks the opening to the urethra preventing the cat from emptying their bladder. Effective treatment is available if detected early. A special low PH food will be prescribed and if the cat remains on this food and has regular check ups they can live a happy and long life. Left undiagnosed death can happen within 2 -3 days as the cat is poisoned by levels of toxicity in their body.

Symptoms can be hard to spot. You may notice your cat in pain, squatting and straining to go to the toilet or licking their penis excessively. Winter is often a time of the year when we see more cats at The Pet Practice with this condition as they tend to hang on and not go outside because of the cold weather to urinate. A litter box kept inside for the winter can help you monitor your cats urine output. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any concerns about your cat.

Did you know ...

... A cat will almost never "meow" at another cat. This sound is reserved for humans.

... Dogs sweat through the pads of their paws



The Tristram St Team
Back row: Chris, Lauree, Vonnie, Lillian, Shanaka, Richard. Front row: Michelle, Moira, Jennie, Olivia, Lisa. Dog: Ellie



The Dinsdale Team
Back row: Lisa, Kathy, Natalie, Paula, Regan, Deserie
Front row: Renee, Dave, Genevieve
Dog: Kooch



The Hillcrest Team
Claire, Rebecca, Luanne, Melissa
Cats: Lord Puss, Hagrid



The Flagstaff Team
Chelley, Greg, Tania
Dogs: Maisey, Inky

24 HOUR EMERGENCIES

At The Pet Practice we provide a 24 hour emergency service for all our pet owners. At any time during the night outside our opening hours a vet is only a phone call away if your pet is seriously ill or injured.

We take the health and well being of our team of vets and nurses very seriously. In the interests of improving their work life balance there are six

local vets that share the emergency after hours duties with The Pet Practice.

This means when you need a vet and we are closed, you can still call us on ph 838 2200. You will get a message with the contact details for one of our vets or the duty vet who will be available at another vet clinic.



Are you concerned that **your pet is overweight** and about the impact that this can have on their health? Come along and join them up to The Pet Practice Fitter Critters Club. Membership and weight checks are **FREE**.

Don't let your **puss cat or woofers stinky breath** put you off getting up close for cuddles. **FREE Dental checks** are available with our vet nurses at all our clinics, just give us a call for an appointment.



ASK P.J. & PINKY

Dear P.J. And Pinky

Is it better to let my cat have a litter of kittens first before she is de-sexed? I have been told she will be a nicer cat if I do this.

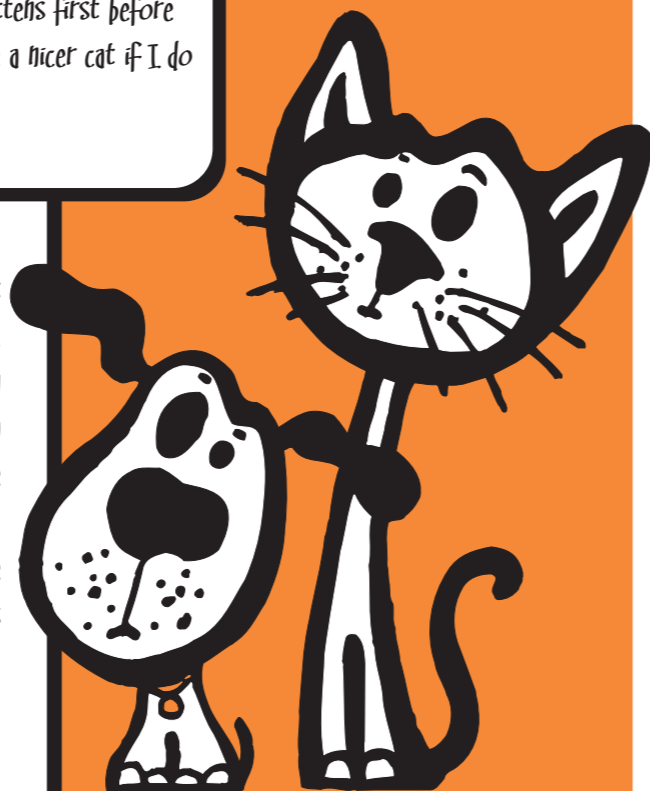
Sincerely Barry

Howdy Barry

Letting your puss cat have a load of babies before she gets the op won't make her any nicer. That is an old wives tale that has been around for moons. All those clever vet people have done studies to show there is no truth in that rumour. Getting the op done for your girl cats and the chop for boy cats stops all those kittens that no one wants and who end up having to live it rough on the streets with no human to love and care for them.

Girls cats are less likely to get some horrible cancers if they have had the op and you won't have to worry about those yucky smelly old tom cats hanging around wanting to sow their wild oats.

Woof and Meow
P. J. and Pinky



P.J. & Pinky

GIFT VOUCHERS



Gift vouchers are now available, to the value of \$10, \$20, and \$50. These can be purchased at any of The Pet Practice clinics.



FREE PET FOOD

When you purchase pet food from The Pet Practice you are eligible to sign up to a rewards card. After you have bought 10 bags of the same size food you are given the next bag absolutely **FREE**.



FREE PET FOOD

PETS AND THEIR CREAKY JOINTS

Winter can make us all slow up a bit. If you have noticed your pets showing signs of discomfort when they move, especially while getting up off the floor, playing and climbing stairs then our vets can help them stay pain free.

At The Pet Practice we don't want them to suffer unnecessarily, please phone any of our clinics for an appointment to assess your pets comfort and mobility.



THE PET PRACTICE DOGGIE HEROES

Blood donors save lives and this is no different in the doggie world. Three of our staff volunteer their dogs to be blood donors when one of our patients is in a life threatening situation. They are our heroes.

If you think your dog would like to help save lives please contact vet nurse Michelle ph 838 2200, she can add your dog to her register of donors. Your dog must be over two years old, weigh over 28kg and have been de-sexed.

Our current Blood Donors and their owners

Vet Nurse Chelley with Maisey (top left on the left)

Vet Nurse Paula with Kooch (top right)

Vet Nurse Tania with Inky (bottom two photos)

