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December 2009

MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM THE TEAM

Hey there to all our Pet Friends

We wanted to tell you what a fab time us lot at The Pet Practice have all had seeing you this year. We know that some of you are not always that keen on coming along to see our vet doctors. Just remember your human is doing the best ever thing for you, they want to keep you happy and healthy.

If you are just a baby woofer then we have got just the thing for you. This year we launched The Pet Practice Puppy Play School for the little four legged bundles of joy we see. This is held at our Flagstaff branch once a week and run by some of our dedicated doggie loving staff. Youngsters are taught some good manners and you learn about the best food, worming and flea products to get you off to a good start.

For those of you that live over by the university you will have noticed our Hillcrest clinic received a much needed extreme makeover. It is now resplendent with new hospital wards and a new reception and showroom area.

The Pet Practice Fitter Critters Club is in full swing now getting some of you over cuddly chubby puss cats and doggie dudes slimmed down to healthy weights ready to strut your stuff for the summer on the beach. If you reckon that you might have put on a couple of extra kilos over winter, get your person to contact us for an assessment.

Membership and weight checks are free. No need to feel embarrassed as there are no group sessions just one on one with our slimming experts.

Stay safe if you're going to the beach - slip, slop, slap to stop the sun's harmful rays burning your noses and ears. Pet sunscreen is available to purchase at all our clinics.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and happy summer holidays with your family. See you next year.

The Pet Practice Team
Vets that love pets.



The Pet Practice team enjoying their Christmas party

Clinic Hours Christmas

Xmas Eve	24 Dec	Tristram Street Only	8.00am - 7.30pm
Xmas Day	25 Dec	All other Clinics	8.00am - 6.00pm
Boxing Day	26 Dec	All Clinics	Closed
Sunday	27 Dec	Tristram Street Only	8.00am - 4.00pm
Monday	28 Dec	Tristram Street Only	8.00am - 4.00pm
Tuesday	29 Dec	Tristram Street Only	8.00am - 6.00pm
Wednesday	30 Dec	Tristram Street Only	8.00am - 6.00pm
Thursday	31 Dec	Tristram Street Only	8.00am - 4.00pm
New Years Day	1 Jan	All Clinics	Closed
New Year Hol	2 Jan	Tristram Street Only	8.00am - 4.00pm
Sunday	3 Jan	Tristram Street Only	8.00am - 4.00pm
Monday	4 Jan	Tristram Street Only	8.00am - 4.00pm
Tuesday	5 Jan	All Clinics Open	Normal Hours!!!

24 Hour Emergency Ph 838 2200



The Tristram St Team
Back row: Shanaka, Richard, Vonnie, Jess & Emma. Front row: Lauree, Jennie, Moira, Olivia, Chris and Lisa.



The Dinsdale Team
Back row: Kathy, Lisa, Natalie. Front row: Dave, Regan, Genevieve, Deserie and Paula.



The Hillcrest Team
Rebecca, Luanne, Eve, Claire and pet friends.



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



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.

THE PET PRACTICE EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR



Over the year all The Pet Practice staff have been attending courses on self development. Also how we communicate with each other and with your human. We really want to try to make your visit a great experience.

Part of this was to acknowledge staff who go the extra mile. All staff got to nominate candidates over the year who were well deserving of this honour.

For those four legged wonders that visit the Tristram St clinic, Vonnie will be no stranger. She's that lovely lady who greets you with a huge smile and looks after you so well when you come for a visit. As part of our team, Vonnie excels in every area, works hard and is always often the one that stays late to help when needed. Vonnie has won a weekend away to Waiheke Island with her husband. Congratulations Vonnie!

NEW WEBSITE

Get the one that loves all that computer stuff at your home to check out our new website at www.petpractice.co.nz

As with anything new, our site will evolve as time goes by so that we can offer you an even better service.

SOME COMMON POISONOUS FOODS FOR PETS



Before you go filling yourself up on yummy Christmas leftovers you need to know that some human food can be fatal for you pooches and kitty cats.

1 Don't Eat Mouldy Food

Leave the old bread thrown out on the lawn for the birds! The mould contains mycotoxins (big word) that can cause muscle tremors and convulsions that can last a few days and are very scary for your human to see happening to you.

2 Don't Eat Ham and Bacon

If your human offers you the leftover Xmas ham just walk away. Ham and bacon contain too much fat and salt for you to handle and may give you pancreatitis (another big word). At worst it will give you a very bad belly ache that can lead to life threatening bloat if you are a big dog.

3 Don't Eat Chocolate

Sweet tooth or not, leave it alone. This stuff, as glorious as it is and hard to resist, may increase your heart rate and give you tremors. If you really go overboard it may be fatal for you little ones. Doesn't matter what sort of chocolate it is, unsweetened baking chocolate, white chocolate or milk chocolate, be strong and avoid it.

4 Don't Eat Onions

If you enjoy hanging around the barbeque waiting for onion to be thrown your way or enjoy cleaning up left over casseroles – forget it. Even small amounts of onion contain n-propyl disulfide (more big words) and may cause damage to your red blood cells and give you anaemia. This includes garlic, leeks, shallots, chives and the good old kiwi favourite, onion dip.

5 Don't Eat Macadamia Nuts

Avoid these yummy treats if one happens to drop by you on the ground. They may make you all weak and depressed. Plus macadamia nuts could cause you to do a spew up on your human's nice expensive carpet.

6 Don't Eat Grapes and Raisins

Okay, so we all know that fruit is good for you, well not these babies. Having a big feast on them may make your kidneys fail. That means you would have to stay in hospital to get better and that ain't no fun for your holiday or your humans.

7 Don't Eat Xylitol

What the heck is Xylitol we can hear you say. It is a sugar substitute that is found in many sugar-free gums and sweets. Dogs sensitive to Zylitol can experience rapid, life threatening hypoglycemia (last big word we promise) and sometimes liver failure. So if you are thinking about your waistline when you snack on these treats, go for a run instead.



V8 SUPERCARS

Opening hours for the Tristram St clinic will be changed for the V8 's racing 2010. We will let you know closer to the time.



REMINDER VACCINATIONS

Don't forget to get your vaccination jabs in plenty of time if you are holidaying at our cattery or staying at a dog kennel.



MEET ONE OF THE TEAM

For those of you who go to our Dinsdale clinic and have wondered who the energetic, fun loving and often loud blonde is, well it's our Paula. When The Pet Practice began operation at our Dinsdale clinic many moons ago (1996 to be exact) Paula was then working for Animal Health Centre. We grabbed her quickly and haven't regretted that for a minute. Paula is a highly qualified head vet nurse, dedicated to taking care of you and giving cheek to Dr Dave. Paula lives locally with her two children, her dog Kooch and 4 cats. Next time you are at Dinsdale make sure you pop in and say Hi to her.

ASK P.J. & PINKY

Dear P.J. and Pinky

I need help. For years now I have had an unbelievable urge to lift my tail and spray pee on things that mean a lot to my humans. I have suppressed the urge for a long time but recently it got the better of me and I just let rip all over the lounge curtains. Now I am out of control and have become a spray addict, I can't stop! My humans think it is that shady feline from next door but soon they will find out it is me. Help!

Regards

Samantha P. Puss Cat

Dear Samantha

You are not alone, there are loads of others like you. The first step was admitting you have a problem. So well done. You need to chill out chickie!! Would be a good idea to go see the vet doctor to make sure your water works are okay. The vet may think it is cos you are all stressed out from something new at your house or some cat bully has been picking on you. There is some calming magic stuff that squirts out of a bottle, or there is a really really yucky smelling stuff that they can put on their furniture that you will hate to be anywhere near. There is even some chill pills that can be prescribed to help you.

Good Luck.

Woof and Meow

P.J. And Pinky



P.J. & Pinky