

present these vouchers to redeem your discount



WIN \$1000 worth of vet services and products at The Pet Practice

Go into the draw to win \$1,000 worth of vet services and products at any of The Pet Practice clinics.

Just get your human to answer the question below. Then they'll need to fill in the rest, cut it out and bring it on in to one of The Pet Practice clinics.

Entries close on 31 August 2010.



WIN \$1000 worth of vet services and products at The Pet Practice Entry Form

Question: How many clinics does The Pet Practice have in Hamilton?

Answer

Your Name

Your Human's Name

Address

Contact Ph

Limit one entry per household. Prize not transferable for cash.

Buy 1 & Get 1 FREE



IAMS Dog or Puppy Food
3.6kg bag



Valid till 1 November 2010 Adult / Puppy

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



\$5 OFF

IAMS Cat or Kitten Food
907grams bag



Valid till 1 November 2010 Cat / Kitten

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



\$2 OFF

A pack of Revolution cat & dog flea & worm treatment

(does not include singles)



revolution VET QUALITY FLEA AND PARASITE PROTECTION

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

FRONTLINE \$3 OFF



Your next purchase of Frontline flea treatment for dogs and cats

(does not include singles)



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THE PET PRACTICE

"Vets That Love Pets"



Pet Talk

Winter 2010

NO WINTER BLUES AT YOUR HOME!

Does your human try and save money by not turning on the heater very much? Blow that for a joke!!!

All you puss cats and doggie dudes deserve much better than that. Just sit in front of the heater and put on one of those long, mournful faces. Then your human will get the guilts and immediately turn on the heater. There you go, all snuggly buggly and warm just for you.

We understand why you lot are not keen on braving the chilly weather and prefer to stay indoors during winter. You, after all have 4 feet to get cold whereas your human has only 2 and can wear shoes!

For you dogs it is still important to keep up your exercise regimes to beat the onset of a winter waistline explosion. You boy cats need to make sure you still make the quick dash outside to do number ones regardless of Jack Frost or rain. If you hold on too long, your bladder could get blocked up, not only a very painful condition, but very dangerous as well.

For safety reasons, remember to stay a "metre from the heater". Stay warm and well.

From your friends at the best vet clinic in town. The Pet Practice Team.

PS. Get your human to come along to **The Pet Expo at the Claudelands Event Centre** on 31 July and 1 August. We have a stand at the expo and would love to say hi to them.

THE PET PRACTICE FITTER CRITTERS CLUB REALLY DOES WORK!

For those of you that are a little on the tubby side, here is a true story about two of our doggie friends to help inspire you to become healthy, trim and fit.

Dandre and Mystik had piled on the weight from lack of exercise after their humans got all busy rearing their children. One day, Dandre and Mystik's human mum, Maria, realised that her four-legged girls were now podgy pooches. She enlisted help from vet nurse, Emma. A strict inexpensive diet and regular weigh-ins, plus a joint effort from the whole family has seen Dandre and Mystik shed all those extra kilos.

No problem this summer for these beauties, they can strut their stuff on the beach and show off their stunning new figures.

Put your health and well-being first and join The Pet Practice Fitter Critters Club. Membership is free!

BEFORE



Dandre (on the left)
total loss of 5.5Kg (loss of 10cm from waist)

Mystik (on the right)
total loss of 6.2Kg (loss of 13cm from waist)

AFTER



The Tristram St Team

Back row: Emma, Jennie, Philly, Vonnie, Chris, Lauree
Front row: Moira, Lisa, Kim and Ashlee.



The Dinsdale Team

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



The Hillcrest Team

Luanne, Rebecca, Claire, Ruby and pet friends.



The Flagstaff Team

Eve, Greg and Chelley
Dog: Maisey.

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Central City Hospital,
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Dinsdale Clinic
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Dinsdale Shopping Centre
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Hillcrest Clinic
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Hillcrest Shops
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Flagstaff Clinic
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River Rd, Hamilton.

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MEET ONE OF THE TEAM: EMMA HODGES



Emma with her cat Indie

Emma Hodges is one of our lovely vet nurses you might see at the Tristram Street clinic.

Emma hails from a cow cocky childhood and when she was all grown up went off to Massey University and learned how to be the best ever vet nurse. Her first job was with one of those cow vet clinics down the way and then off she went to the other side of the world to the United Kingdom for two years (you know the place where those corgis get to live with the Queen in the castle).

Lucky old us, because she decided to come and work at The Pet Practice when she got home. Emma has been a real wonder and has shared all that she learned with the other members of the patient care team here.

Emma lives in Pirongia with her two cats Indie and Heidi, Tess the Labrador cross, two chooks and the bloke she is going to marry, Fraser.

WHAT'S NEW AT THE PET PRACTICE?



HILLS FELINE j/d CAT FOOD

World leaders in pet nutrition research, Hills Prescription Diets have just launched Feline j/d Diet. This food is ideal for any of you cats that are middle aged or oldies who have reverted to being couch potatoes because of the pain from arthritis. You cats make it hard for your human to recognise the symptoms of this debilitating disease. People often think you are slowing up and lying around sleeping just because that is what cats do. We have prescribed Hills Canine j/d food for dogs for a few years now at The Pet Practice with overwhelmingly successful results in dog mobility. If your joints are painful and creaky and you want to be free from pain to enjoy life again, make a time to see one of our vets to have your risk of arthritis assessed.

INTRODUCING GEMMA, TRAINEE LAND SEARCH & RESCUE DOG

Since she was born, Gemma the German Shepherd has dreamed of a career as a Search and Rescue dog. Things were meant to be, and luckily her owner Graeme Hill is a member of the New Zealand Land Search and Rescue (Hamilton Group).

Gemma is participating in NZ Land SAR Search Dogs intensive training programme to meet the grade of a fully-fledged rescuer. Once operational, Gemma will do the doggie hero stuff in and around the Waikato to help the Hamilton Search & Rescue find those humans that are missing in the wilderness and towns.

We know all you other dogs out there are proud of Gemma. Because of that, The Pet Practice has chosen to become Gemma's sponsor and help Graeme out with some of the costs associated with the training equipment needed, and any vet treatment she may need. A big thank you to Eukanuba dog foods and Advocate flea and worm treatment for sponsoring Gemma as well. We will follow her progress in each issue of Pet Talk.



DOGGIE CELEBRITY FACT FILE

Name: Gemma
Born: 13 May 2009 in Bulls, New Zealand
Breed: German Shepherd
Eye colour: Brown
Hair colour: Dark brown
Career: Trainee Land Search and Rescue dog
Loves: Graeme and saving people
Favourite vet clinic: The Pet Practice
Favourite food: Eukanuba German Shepherd formula
Favourite flea treatment: Advocate flea and wormer
Favourite designer: Canine Spirit all weather dog vests
Most exciting thing so far: First plane ride at eight weeks old
Enjoys: Swimming in streams, playing tug and mud slides

SOME COMMON HOUSEHOLD ITEMS THAT ARE POISONOUS TO PETS:

Some of the items lying around at your home that are considered somewhat safe for your human can in fact be very toxic and sometimes fatal for you pooches & kitty-cats.

1. Don't go near batteries

Tempting and fun little gadgets to play with and chew, and often left lying on the floor or coffee table. Not much fun if you decide to swallow batteries though. The acid from your stomach can erode them and cause them to leak battery acid which will burn and damage your intestines. Even small watch batteries can get stuck in your esophagus and burn it. Get to the vet immediately if you swallow a battery.



2. Don't go near cigarettes

We know you are not about to start puffing on cigarettes, but it has been known for some cats and dogs to eat cigarettes and die. In as little as fifteen minutes, the nicotine in one cigarette is enough to send you into a coma - it will be hard for you to breathe and you may die from cardiac arrest. Get to the vet immediately if you swallow a cigarette.



3. Don't go near glow-in-the-dark jewellery

Pretty to look at, but a dumb idea to chew on. This jewellery contains dibutyl phthalate which tastes really, really bad. Once you have this stuff in your mouth you are going to start dribbling and spitting all over the show and you'll probably vomit. Try and drink something tasty like milk to dilute it. It'd be a good idea to see a vet afterwards for peace of mind.



4. Don't go near glue

Another sticky situation that you could get yourself into. Most glues won't cause too much harm if you swallow them. Imagine if you ate super glue though and your lips got all stuck together! Gorilla Glue if ingested can expand in your stomach and get stuck and would then need to be removed surgically.



5. Don't go near silica gel

Your human will be very familiar with these little sachets that are included in a number of items they buy like shoes and clothing. The contents are not toxic normally. It would be concerning though if you are just a little critter like a small dog or a cat as the silica gel may expand with water and can cause a blockage. Get to the vet immediately if this happens to you.



ASK P.J. & PINKY

Dear P.J. and Pinky

I am a dog with an embarrassing problem - my bum gets really itchy. It gets so itchy that I try to lick it better but then I have to scoot along the floor on my bum trying to make it go away. My humans get all angry at me when I do it and go on about their new carpet. How would they like it? All they have done is given me worm pill after worm pill after worm pill. Please help.

Regards Stuart D. Staffy

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Dear Stuart

You are not alone. Many woofers suffer from recurring anal gland blockage problems. This is what we suspect you may be suffering from. Your humans have done the right thing and treated you for worms first. Your only remedy is to go see the vet and they will squeeze your anal gland area to clear out the blockage. Your dignity can remain intact - don't worry. These days, vets recognise how humiliating this can be for dogs and perform this procedure in the privacy of a treatment room with no onlookers. Unfortunately, this may be a condition you will suffer from regularly from now on. A change in diet can help - we suggest your human discuss this with the vet.

All the best

Woof and meow P.J. and Pinky



P.J. & Pinky