

THOUGHTS

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Practice News

Hello and welcome to our Autumn edition newsletter. We hope you have all had a great Summer! We have a new member of the team, introducing Justin Badenhorst.

Hi, I'm Justin. I am a Massey University graduate of 2014. My wife and I have recently relocated to Tauranga and are very excited to enjoy all it has to offer. The spectacular views of Tauranga, complimented by the fantastic weather, brought me to accept a position here at Bayfair and Papamoa Vets.

Growing up I envisioned being a vet due to my beloved Titan (German Shepherd) and it is with great enthusiasm that I am currently being able to practice. Canine and feline behaviour, diagnostic imaging and building client relationships are a few of the favourite aspects of my job.

When not at work I can be found at the beach. I really thrive on all water activities particularly free diving. I also enjoy training hard at the gym, riding road sport bikes and having people over for BBQ's.

Currently we have 3 beautiful dogs -Echo, Storm and Tulu. We also have 2 very special cats – Coco and Biscuit.

Together, my wife and I absolutely adore animals.



Microchipping



Did you know 1 in 3 pets go missing at some point during their lifetime!

A microchip is about the size of a grain of rice and is injected under the skin between the shoulder blades. The procedure is very simple and is incredibly well tolerated despite the needle being a little larger than average. Your pet will not be aware of the microchip once inserted and the body will not react to it as it is encased in the same material that is used in human pacemakers! The chip contains your pet's own unique code. If your pet goes missing and is handed in, all vets and dog rangers can scan the chip with a hand held scanner. We can access the secure database to ensure you are reunited with your pet as soon as possible.



Remember: If you move house or your contact details change it is important to update the database. Microchipping is the most effective way of permanently identifying your pet.

Don't wait until it's too late. Get your pet microchipped and have the assurance that should they become lost, injured, or stolen, they are more likely to be returned to you.

What is Canine Cough? (Infectious Bronchitis)

Canine cough is a highly contagious disease of the dog's respiratory tract. Dogs of all ages can be affected with unpleasant clinical signs which include a harsh, dry cough - very similar to whooping cough in humans.

What are the Causes?

Canine cough can be caused by a variety of bacterial and viral agents including Bordetella bronchiseptica and canine parainfluenza virus, these pass easily from dog to dog via indirect contact (coughs and sneezes) and direct nose to nose contact, wherever dogs congregate. Coughing can last for some weeks and although rare, complications such as pneumonia can arise in puppies and older dogs.

What are the Symptoms?

- Dry-hacking cough
- High temperature
- Go off food
- Lethargy

Where can my dog get this disease?

Despite this disease previously being called 'kennel cough', your pet is also likely to encounter the disease in common circumstances such as;

- Training classes
- Grooming parlours
- At the beach or park
- From your neighbour's dog



Nobivac KC intra-nasal vaccine

Once the disease has started it can frequently last for up to two weeks, but sometimes more. Antibiotics and cough medicines are used to try to control the cough. Canine cough can be an unpleasant experience for both the dog and the owner. This is why we consider 'prevention being better than cure'. Protection against kennel cough is not included as standard in your pet's routine annual vaccinations, however it can easily be added.,

If your dog is likely to be in close contact with other dog's vaccination is highly recommended and most boarding kennels now require vaccination and proof of vaccination in the form of a vaccination certificate.

Please don't take any chances with Canine Cough - contact your vet or veterinary nurse to ensure that your dog is protected by vaccination!

New flea and tick protection that lasts up to 3 times longer. Bravo Bravecto!



Get a **free** sports towel for your furry friend when they receive a **Nobivac KC** Canine Cough vaccination and a **Bravecto** flea tablet!

