



Welcome to the autumn edition of Bayfair and Papamoa Vets newsletter. We have a new vet Juliette Frost to introduce to you and also our new vet nurse, Cinnamon. With the Easter bunny paying us all a little visit soon, be sure to keep your pets away from anything that contains chocolate! In this newsletter we tell you all you need to know about chocolate toxicity and a few pointers on how to take care of your rabbit.

Hi, I'm Juliette. I am the newest vet at Bayfair and Papamoa Vets. I graduated from Massey University in 2008. I spent my first 2½ years in a small animal practice in Dunedin, before going to the UK to live and work for another 2½ years.

I love Tauranga, enjoying getting out on my kayak and surfboard, and running my beautiful 1 year old cross breed dog Daisy at the beach. I am excited about getting out tramping and exploring the wider Bay of Plenty soon too!

As well as Daisy, I also share my life with Stumpy, a 5 month old kitten who I hand raised from 2 weeks old after he was abandoned at my previous clinic, and Poppy - a very friendly cockatiel. I adore my animals, and I understand that pets are family too.

I have a special interest in internal medicine, last year starting part time study towards my Masters in internal medicine, which I intend to continue over the next few years. I like staying up to date and being able to offer you the best possible treatment options for your pets. I enjoy meeting your four legged friends and giving them the respectful care and attention they need.



A Few Things About Bunnies

Rabbits can be extremely rewarding pets, but it's very much a case of what you put in is what you get out - having a happy pet bunny takes more time, effort and money than is often realised.

Bunny care check list:

- ✚ Space- A hutch should be a minimum of 180x60x60cm. A secure run is needed in addition to this.
- ✚ Toys - Vet practices and pet shops offer a variety of toys and cardboard boxes are a free option.
- ✚ Hay- This tasty fibre needs to be continually available, as does fresh water, to keep teeth and guts healthy. Muesli mixes might look attractive and healthy but many rabbits don't eat the whole diet and this may result in health problems and should therefore be avoided.
- ✚ Greens - Rabbits enjoy a diet supplemented with a moderate amount of leafy greens, herbs and veg. However, make sure they're non-toxic to bunnies and introduce any new type gradually.
- ✚ Company- The pair most likely to be harmonious are a de-sexed male with a de-sexed female.
- ✚ Vaccinations - Rabbits need to be vaccinated yearly against the fatal disease VHD (Viral Haemorrhagic Disease) also commonly known as Calici-virus.
- ✚ Neutering- All female rabbits should be de-sexed to prevent uterine cancer which is very common in older unmated does. Male rabbits need to be castrated to live happily with another rabbit and it also often reduces aggression.

*Keep Your Easter eggs safe and sound
.....and away from your dog.-*



Why do pets eat chocolate if it is poisonous?

Dogs have tastebuds that register sweet foods, and this means that they find chocolate and chocolate-containing products very tasty. Small dogs and puppies are most prone to eating enough chocolate to poison themselves, but cats rarely eat enough chocolate to become intoxicated.

What are the toxins in chocolate?

There are two main toxins in chocolate which are chemically related to each other. They are caffeine and theobromine. These are both in the chemical family of methylxanthines. The darker the chocolate, the more theobromine and caffeine it contains. In most chocolate compounds, theobromine is the predominant toxic component, and caffeine is present in much lower concentrations.

How much chocolate is dangerous for my pet?

For a 10kg dog a toxic amount would be 87 grams of milk chocolate, 35 grams of dark chocolate and 12.5 grams of baking chocolate.

How do I know if my pet has chocolate toxicity?

The signs include vomiting and diarrhoea, restlessness and increasing nervous excitement, heart problems (including rapid rate), seizures, coma and death.

So get your pet to a veterinarian as soon as possible if it has eaten a large amount of chocolate!

Please contact us for more information about this or any other conditions. We are available 24 hours a day, 7 days week for emergencies.



Winter Grooming

With winter just around the corner we all like to leave our dogs coats longer. However longer coats can become hard to look after. To help you look after your dogs coat you can always come in and get a maintenance groom.

This includes...

- 🐾 bath
- 🐾 removal of knots
- 🐾 face trim
- 🐾 nail clip

A bit of maintenance in winter will keep your dog comfortable and looking sharp!

Talk to us now about our special winter rates. These start from just \$25 for small dogs.

Our groomer Tash looks forward to pampering your pets!

Hi, my name is Cinnamon and I am the newest member to join the team of nurses here at Bayfair and Papamoa Vets. I finished my Certificate in Vet Nursing through Wintec at the end of last year and I am currently working towards my diploma.



I grew up on a small lifestyle block in Kaitaia - so this move has left me a long way from home! But between the beautiful weather, beaches and the wonderful people I am finding myself quite comfortable here. I am a self-professed 'crazy cat lady' and when I'm not working or studying you can find me snuggled up on the couch with either of my cats Horse or Spicey keeping me company.

I'm thrilled to be working alongside the team here and look forward to meeting you and your pets.