



# KAMO+VETS



**Spring 2018**

**Companion Animal Newsletter**

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## Specials:



**\*Hills Optimal Care 4kg for cats**

**Buy one get one free**

**\*Seresto flea collars - \$10 off**

**\*Nutro Canine 13kg bags**

**Buy one get a barrel free**

**For the month of September**

## Opening Hours:

**Monday 8am - 6pm**

**Tuesday 8am - 6pm**

**Wednesday 8am - 7pm**

**Thursday 8am - 6pm**

**Friday 8am - 4.45pm**

**Saturday 9am - 1pm**

**For after hours call us**

**on: (09) 4351924**



## New Product: Black Hawk range

We are now stocking a new food - the Black Hawk range. Black Hawk dog and cat food only contains ingredients with nutritional benefits so there are no fillers or artificial ingredients. A combination of real meat with fruits, vegetables and other ingredients are combined for optimal health, including skin, coat and gastrointestinal health. Palatability is very good and we are seeing good results in those that have switched to this food.



## Fireworks:

I'm sure none of you are thinking about Guy Fawkes night yet but now's a good time to remind you all how to reduce problems around fireworks.

- Reduce sights and sounds by closing the curtains and having the tv/radio on.
- Keep dogs and cats confined inside during the evenings.
- Keep your dog on a lead when taking out to the toilet even in your own back garden as a sudden fright could make them run off.
- Having a microchip implanted makes a big difference in your pet getting back to you if they do run off and get picked up and taken to the SPCA or a vet clinic.
- Don't re-inforce anxiety by giving treats or 'molly-coddling' them. Try to ignore mild anxious behaviours, use your settle command (this needs to have been taught beforehand) and redirect them into positive behaviour eg. Fetching their favourite toy.

There are several calming products available but these are best started a few weeks prior to fireworks nights and results can be variable between individuals. These include Adaptil collars and diffusers for dogs, Feliway diffusers for cats, Calmex liquid for cats, Calmex capsules for dogs and Thunderjackets for dogs. We stock all but the Thunderjackets - please enquire at reception about these different products.

For animals with severe reactions to fireworks we sometimes need to use medication to help reduce anxiety levels. These medications require veterinary authorisation so please ring for an appointment for your pet.

## Dog ID quiz on facebook: @kamovetsnz

Jump on to our facebook page and do the quiz on dog breeds

- see how good you are at picking dog breeds.





## Pet of the Month



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### Storm

Storm, a 12 year old huntaway was treated at the clinic earlier in August for a condition called GDV (Gastric dilation volvulus) which progresses very rapidly and can be fatal. His owner brought him straight into the clinic when he noticed Storm acting abnormally, attempting to vomit but not bringing anything up and developing a bloated appearance in his abdomen. At the clinic he was admitted for treatment and underwent surgery immediately. GDV occurs more commonly in large deep chested dogs such as Great Danes, Huntaways, Waimaraners, and Irish Setters. It is where generally after a large feed the stomach fills with gas and food, becoming dilated and in many cases twists, cuts off blood supply to the stomach and spleen while the stomach continues to expand, potentially rupturing the stomach wall. In Storm's case, not only had his stomach twisted, but his spleen had too, causing further problems.

In cases where the stomach doesn't twist a tube can be passed into the stomach to release gas but if it has twisted surgical treatment is required. Storm had his stomach decompressed using a needle through the abdominal wall into the stomach and prepared for surgery once stable. Surgically his stomach was slowly twisted back into the correct position, and a gastropexy (stomach is fixed/attached to the body wall) was performed to hold it in the correct position. While this was performed the spleen and other organs were monitored to make sure there was no permanent damage.

Storm has recovered well from the surgery and no complications occurred. He was kept to small feeds for a few weeks after surgery and when he was in for his post op check, his stitches were removed and we found him well and back to full health.

Symptoms of GDV include:

- ⇒ Firm distension of the abdomen
- ⇒ Difficulty breathing
- ⇒ Non productive vomiting
- ⇒ weakness

It is important that if your dog has a rigid or bloated appearance and displaying some or all of the symptoms, then bring them to your vet as soon as possible for examination and treatment. The earlier they are treated the more likely the outcome will be positive.

### Flea & Ticks

We can't have a spring newsletter without the mention of fleas. Temperatures will be warming up this month which is great for the garden but also for all those pests like flies, mosquitoes, sandflies and of course, fleas and ticks. We are already seeing tiny ticks on some dogs and those overwintered flea eggs and larvae will be starting to hatch in mass form.

We have many treatments to choose from:

**Bravecto** for fleas and ticks. Comes in a 3 months tablet or a 6 month topical pipette for dogs and a 3 month topical pipette for cats.

**Nexgard** for fleas and ticks. Comes in a monthly chewable treatment for dogs, single or 3 pack.

**Nexgard spectra** for fleas, ticks, roundworms, hookworms, and whipworms. Comes in a monthly chewable treatment for dogs, single or 3 pack.

**Seresto Collar** for fleas and ticks. Eight month treatment for cats and dogs.

**Frontline** for fleas and ticks. Comes in a topical pipette for dogs and cats. Lasts 4 weeks against ticks, up to 6 weeks (cats) or 8 weeks (dogs) against fleas.

**Advantage** for fleas. Comes in a topical pipette for cats (we no longer stock Advantage for dogs), lasts for 4 weeks. Comes in a 4 or 6 packs

**Advocate** for fleas, earmites and roundworms. Comes in a topical pipette for cats (we no longer stock Advocate for dogs), lasts for 4 weeks. Comes in a 3 pack.

**Broadline** for fleas, tick, biting lice, roundworms, and tapeworms. Comes in a topical pipette for cats only. Effective for 4-6 weeks against fleas and ticks and generally used once every 3 months as part of a regular deworming program.