

Gilbert St Gossip

Heartworm - In Our Local Area

Patient of the Month

WARNING!
Heartworm infected dogs found in your area

Talk to your vet today





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At least 12 species of mosquito are known to be infected with/transmit heartworm locally.
At least 10 of the 12 mosquito species bite during the day and at night.
Favourable weather conditions for mosquitoes.
Uncontrolled populations of feral foxes, wild dogs and dingoes help the spread of heartworm.
If your pet is not protected they are at risk.

Ask us about YEAR-ROUND Heartworm Prevention.

HUGE SAVINGS—Over 50% OFF Heartworm Tests



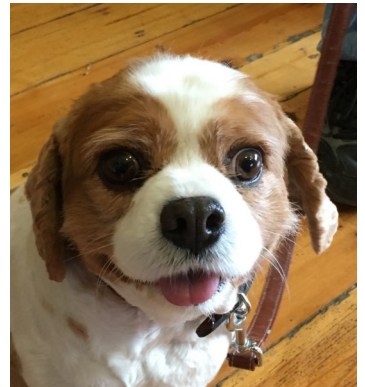
RIVAPETZ PET CARE IS OFFERING A HUGE SAVING OF OVER 50% Heartworm Tests during September and October when followed by the annual yearly injection.

ProHeart SR-12 Injection is a once-a-year product for the prevention of heartworm disease in dogs. Its sustained-release formula ensures a full 12 months protection from a single dose administered by your veterinarian.

The once a year injection provides the following benefits:-

- eliminates the need to remember monthly heartworm tablets
- you will receive ONE yearly reminder for your pet's booster injection
- it can safely be combined with your pet's vaccination or wellness visit if required
- the injection is quick
- is suitable for all dogs from 12 weeks of age

Come and ask our friendly staff how we can help protect your dog from heartworm.



Marley is a delightful 5 year old Cavalier King Charles Spaniel. He has a really thick coat, especially around his rump. Marley had soiled his fur, which does not sound unusual, or too problematic. Unfortunately, it was just at the time of the first warm winter day, that time we see our first blowflies sneaking into the kitchen.

Any animal that has soiled fur or a wound is at risk of blowfly strike, even dogs. This is what happened to Marley. He was suddenly quite sore around his bottom, and he started to smell. He was seen by Dr Sarah who had the misfortune of clipping his coat and some maggots in half as well! That's hard to stomach when you're not expecting it!

Fortunately, Marley's owner brought him in quickly before the strike was extensive. Marley was sedated so that his very sore skin could be clipped short and treated without causing too much distress. After a nice bath and blow-dry and with some pain medication and antibiotics, he felt like a new dog!

This is a timely reminder to check your animal friends daily, especially if they have long coats, and to consider having them clipped before the blowfly season.

Why Fleas Love Spring?



As the weather warms up and the days get longer, it won't only be us who will be celebrating! The cheeky flea will be out and about and even though they can cause problems all year round, it is during spring and summer that we see them come out in force.

Flea eggs like to sit dormant through the winter months and it only takes a few warm and sunny days for them to start celebrating and begin hatching.

It's always best to be on the front foot when it comes to prevention. The aim is to kill the eggs before they hatch and you

can do this by making sure your pet is up to date with **top quality** flea control. Ask us for the best recommendation as not all flea products are effective at treating the entire life cycle, and some might even be a waste of your money.

It only takes one flea bite for your pet to start feeling pretty itchy and uncomfortable. If the itch gets out of control, the trauma caused by scratching can lead to skin infections and the need for antibiotics.

When it comes to fleas, prevention is the key! So beat the flea this spring and make sure your pet (and all pets in the household) are protected.

