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CLINIC UPDATES

Congratulations to Dr. Jackie Sharp of SVV on the completion of her post-graduate degree in small animal medicine. She now holds a BVSc (Hons.). Jackie showed incredible discipline during the course of her studies, attending extra classes and putting in copious hours of study, whilst continuing with her regular shifts at the clinic and showing the same special level of care and dedication that our clients have come to know her for.
Well done Jack's!

WEIGHTY WARNINGS

According to statistics, up to 70% of pets seen in veterinary practices are overweight, and a large proportion of these, obese. Many of us seem to have a distorted idea of what a healthy weight is for our pet – we often hear clients commenting that their overweight pet looks “cute” that way! Chubby pets are predisposed to exactly the same weight-related complications as we, their owners are: arthritis, diabetes, heart disease, breathing problems, increased anaesthetic risks ... and the list goes on. When running your hand down the sides of a dog or cat of a healthy weight, the ribs can be easily felt, but should not be visible. If you can feel a squishy layer of flesh under your hand and have to use your imagination to determine where the ribs are, there is a problem! Eukanuba, Hills and Royal Canin run excellent weight-loss programmes where your pet can be put onto a calorie-reduced diet and an individual diet plan worked out for him/her. The animal should be brought into the clinic at least once monthly for a free weigh in and evaluation by one of our veterinary nutritional advisors.

THE FUNNY FARM

If I didn't have a dog or cat ...

- ~ I could walk around the yard barefoot in safety
- ~ All flat surfaces, clothing, furniture and cars would be free of hair
- ~ When the doorbell rings, it wouldn't sound like a kennel... And I could get to the door without wading through a sea of fuzzy bodies who beat me there!
- ~ I could sit on the couch and my bed the way I wanted to, without taking numerous other bodies into consideration
- ~ The most used words in my vocabulary would not be: OUT!, SIT!, DOWN!, COME!, NO!, STAY! and LEAVE HIM/ HER/ IT ALONE! And I would no longer have to spell out the words: B-A-L-L, W-A-L-K, C-A-R, V-E-T etc.
- ~ My house would not look like a daycare centre, cordoned off into zones with baby-gates or barriers, and with discarded toys everywhere
- ~ I would not talk baby-talk eg: “Eat your din-din” or “Mmmm ... yummy for the tummy”
 - ~ My pockets would not contain things like poop bags, leashes, decaying treats, etc.
 - ~ I would not have as many *leaves* inside my house as there are outside
 - ~ I would not have to answer the question: “Why do you have so many animals?”, posed by people who will never know the joy of being unconditionally loved by someone as close to an angel as one can get,....

How empty my life would be!!



