

# Snippets

Small animal newsletter

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Hello and welcome to our winter edition of Snippets! In this issue we talk about microchipping, weight management and geriatric pets. So snuggle up somewhere warm and have a read...

## Celebrating Seniors

Our pets age much faster than we do. They cannot describe symptoms to you and may not show you signs of disease. Mistakenly, many owners think that reduced activity or weight loss is just a sign that their pet "is getting old". Getting old need not bring any of those things...so is your senior pet healthy or is he/she hiding disease?

A Senior Wellness Check to uncover these hidden issues has just become quicker and easier. We have just invested in the latest pathology equipment so we can do many more tests here, without the need to send blood samples away overnight. Early detection is the key to minimising the effects of many old age problems such as kidney failure, over-active thyroid and diabetes.

During July, we will be running our first Senior Wellness Month where we invite all animals over the age of 7 years to come for a full check up and some blood and urine tests at reduced rates. It's a great opportunity to check up on dental disease, lumps and bumps, as well as their internal health.

### **SAVE \$100 when you book a SENIOR WELLNESS CHECK during July!**

Your consultation will include:

A thorough physical examination and comprehensive blood and urine tests to check for disease.

TOTAL COST = \$170 (Saving you \$100!!!).

Book  
Your Appointment  
Today!



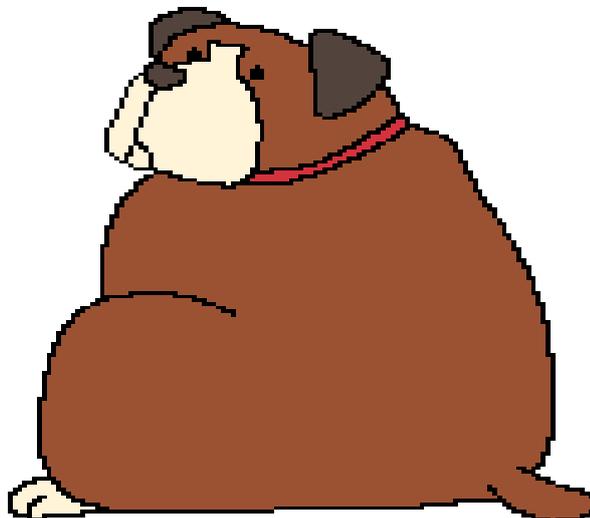
# Waistline Management (or podgy pet control!)

Discussing your pet's waistline can be a delicate topic. Many owners are unaware that their pet is overweight and others actually think its cute and cuddly to have a podgy pet. The reality is that carrying extra weight is not healthy for any animal and can lead to some serious health issues, just as it does in humans. Arthritis, heart disease, diabetes and pancreatitis are the most common complaints but how about just the misery of chronic aches, over-heating, shortness of breath and tiredness that being obese brings?



Here at Town and Country we take this health threat seriously (it's our job!) A consult with a vet and then a referral to our weight management team will give you all the tools you need to fight the Battle of the Bulge. An individual plan, tailored just for you and your pet will be drawn up. Most importantly, we will stay in touch with you regularly and guide you through the whole process, supporting you and your pet towards a healthier future.

Talk to one of our vets if you are worried about your pet's weight or ring and ask to speak with Mollie, the kindly vet nurse who runs our Weight Clinic.



## Microchipping - Peace of mind if your cat goes missing!

As cats are not required to be registered they are very rarely microchipped, however if your cat is lost and ends up at a Vet clinic or the SPCA then this is the most efficient way of reuniting you and your pet.

Veterinary clinics, the SPCA and the local council have microchip scanners and checking for a microchip is the first thing done when presented with an unknown animal.

Getting a microchip involves the insertion of a grain sized chip under the skin between the shoulder blades. This is virtually pain free and for most pets only a slight sting is felt. The process is very quick and is over in a few seconds.

Registering the microchip number on the New Zealand Companion Animal Register is essential for your cat's microchip to be of any use. Keeping your contact details updated is also critical.

Both the SPCA in Nelson and in Motueka now microchip all the cats they re-home and this has proved very useful if the new addition goes walkabout!

Here at Town and Country we have re-united several cats with microchips to very relieved owners! But if they don't have a microchip then unfortunately owners are often never located.

To have your cat microchipped simply call the clinic and book a time with a nurse. The cost is only \$68.50 (including registration) and may just save you and your furry friend a lot of heartache!



## MICROCHIPPING DOGS:



It is law that all puppies be microchipped and registered with your local council by three months of age.

It is optional to put them on the New Zealand Companion Animal Register but we strongly recommended it as only the Vet clinic that microchipped the pup, and the council can look up the microchip number. If they are on the NZCAR all vet clinics, the SPCA and the council can find you.

If your dog is already microchipped and you would like to register them on the National Database please phone the clinic and book a time with a nurse, she will check the chip and help you fill out the paper work. The cost is just \$23.70.

# SPECIALS IN THE CLINIC:



Buy any pack of Advantage, Advocate or Seresto Collar and receive a **FREE** Aerogard roll on insect repellent for the family!



Purchase Eukanuba dog food over 7kg and receive a **FREE** back pack. (excluding Eukanuba Farm Formula).



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We still have a few of these funky bags to give away when you buy Nexgard, Frontline or 2 packs of Broadline so come in and get yours



Purchase a 3 pack of Nexgard or Frontline or two packs of Broadline and go into the draw to WIN a Fitbit.



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**Win a Fitbit!**  
We'll get fit together.

**WIN ME!**

**WIN one of 100 Alta Fitbits!**  
Simply purchase any 3 pack NEXGARD Chewables, NEXGARD SPECTRA, or 2 x BROADLINE spot-on solution for cats and you'll go in the draw to WIN!



Buy two pipettes of Frontline and receive a third pipette **FREE**, that's a 33% saving!

