

## Pet Names

Picking a pet name with personality and originality can be a difficult task so here are a few of our pet naming tips to help you choose the perfect name for your new pet!

- Choose a name that is easy to call out, avoiding having to shout names such as "Droolalot McPaws" or "Death Breath" may save you some embarrassment in the park!
- Avoid names that sound similar to common commands such as 'No' 'Stay' 'Sit' and 'Come' For example 'Moe' sounds too much like 'No'
- Keep in mind the breed of your pet, for example 'Fluffy' may not suit a Labrador and 'Butch' may not be a suitable name choice for your new miniature poodle.

Always remember that your pets name will be repeated many times throughout the day in different situations, to call, praise and sometimes reprimand.

If you are still having trouble thinking of the right name for your pet, waiting a few days to get to know his or her personality can often help.

## Client Parking

Dedicated client parking is available where signed in the lane at the rear of the premises (entry via Wentworth Avenue). Tow away warning applies to non client vehicles only



# BOROONDARA PARK ANIMAL HOSPITAL

## Winter & Spring News

### Dog VS Bone

Feeding raw bones to your pet certainly provides them with a very entertaining and enjoyable time, however it is not without risk. Even though we hear from our clients that their dogs have had bones and never presented a problem, each bone is a potential hazard and as vets we often see the complications associated with feeding bones.

Complications most commonly seen include:

- Teeth fracture
- Oral lesions
- Gastrointestinal obstruction or perforation
- Vomiting
- Diarrhoea
- Constipation

Bones should ALWAYS be given raw, cooked bones can splinter into sharp fragments which can perforate your pets bowel. Always supervise chewtime and never leave bones in the backyard to gather bacteria.



There are many other safe options to keep your pets mouth healthy and free from tartar and plaque build up. If you would like to discuss these other options, find out more about bone do's and don'ts or to book in for an oral examination please phone our hospital and speak to a member of staff.



### Awarded 'Hospital of Excellence'

Boroondara Park Animal Hospital is now proud to announce that we have become an Australian Small Animal Veterinary Association (ASAVA) accredited 'Hospital of Excellence.' We are now one of the few practices in Victoria to have this accreditation allowing us to deliver exceptional services and ensuring we continue to practice the highest standards of veterinary care for your four legged family members.

### Cancer Care

Our hospital offers in-house surgical and medical cancer care for dogs and cats in the comfort of a familiar environment for your pet without the need for referral. Dr Carla McCann, together with visiting oncologist Dr Maureen Cooper and Dr Laura Brockley from Victorian Animal Cancer Care, focus on treating and improving quality of life for our furry patients. Like our friend Sampson featured below who has bounced back from serious illness, and is now loving his time at the park and playing his favorite games.



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