

NEWSLETTER

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To our loyal clients and pets, welcome to our spring newsletter. We have entered tick and allergy season with some very dry and warm weather. There have already been many bushfires around the state and it is a good time to make a bushfire survival plan including moving your pet to safety.

At The Lake Vets, we pride ourselves on trying to make your pet's visit a stress free visit. We use many techniques to achieve this including advanced training for your pet and natural drugs to help with anxiety. A record number of pets utilised our senior months over July and August helping manage chronic ailments with a preventative health program. Turn the page for allergy treatment options.

Senior Puppy/Good Dog Manners Class



Our senior puppy classes are a great extension class after puppy preschool. The classes start for puppies from 4 months of age. The classes run outdoors for 5 weeks on Sundays. The classes

are intimate in size being limited to 6 pups allowing for a group learning experience mixed with individual one on one tips.

Stress Free Pets Introducing Zylkene.

Zylkene is an orally taken medication containing a concentration of milk protein acting like a natural valium to help your pet cope with stressful situations.

It can be used short term to help your pet friend often starting 1-2 days before a predicted stressful event or change in environment. Some animals may need earlier administration (5-7 days). For long term use, start giving Zylkene® for one month then reassess your pet. The supplement is best used with a training program to help your pet learn that they are ok.

Zylkene can also be helpful:

- Vet visits
- Moving House
- Introducing a new pet
- Separation anxiety
- Introducing a New Baby
- Fireworks
- Travel
- Boarding
- Thunderstorms

Does my dog need medical treatment for its itch?



When your dog suffers, your whole family can suffer too. If your dog's itching is caused by a medical condition, we have many strategies that can help.

Here are some clues that your dog may need medical treatment:

- Excessive licking, chewing, biting or scratching
- Excessive rolling, rubbing or scooting
- Foot chewing
- Hair loss
- Recurrent ear problems
- Changes in the skin, like sores or darkened color
- Redness of the skin
- Body odour

These signs can be triggered by many allergens like fleas, the environment (dust mites, moulds, pollens, etc), food and skin contact.

Many diagnostic options are available:

- diet trials
- allergy blood testing
- skin testing
- skin tape investigation
- skin scrape investigation

If any of these signs are evident in your pet, please contact us to book a consult to help diagnose your pets itch.



Alternatives to cortisone we recommend for seasonal itch to help your dog, with less side effects are:

- Apoquel tablets



- Monthly Cytopoint injections



- Royal Canin Skin Support including Vitamin B complex, omega 3s, turmeric and anti-oxidants helping the skin barrier.



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