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WELCOME GEORGIA

Coral Coast Veterinary Services would like to introduce you to our newest team member, Georgia Corica.

Georgia is a local lass who has been with us as an afternoon kennel hand while still at school for the past 3 years. She has chosen to follow her dreams to become a veterinary nurse and is currently studying for her Certificate II in Animal Studies.

Here Georgia is holding our forever grumpy 'Gingie' clinic kitty.



give us a lot of clues as to the cause of the problem.

The most severe case of gastroenteritis that I have seen over the past 2 weeks was actually caused by hookworm in a young pup. Please remember to worm your puppies every 2 weeks until they are 12 weeks of age.

Recently we have been seeing dog after dog with copious amounts of diarrhea. I guess it is just one of the joys of being a vet!

There are numerous causes for gastroenteritis in dogs, ranging from intestinal worm infections to scavenging and the consumption of 'food' well past its used by date. Some dogs will simply not tolerate certain types of food and will get recurring bouts of diarrhea and even vomiting every time it is fed.

Whilst some will require medication, the most important part of treatment is always to give a 24 hour period where the dog has access to plenty of water but no food at all. When their appetite is still intact, this can be a bit of a battle.

If the patient is vomiting or has enormous amounts of diarrhea, they may need to have a drip to stop dehydration during this time.

After the initial 24 hours, a small amount of bland food given frequently is the best way to ease the intestines back into work. The doggy equivalent of toast and vegemite is boiled chicken or lean mince and rice or pasta. Over a period 2-3 days, ease them back onto their normal diet.

If you have to bring your pooch with diarrhea to see a vet, please take the time to collect a small poo sample and bring it with you.

Examination of the stool can



“In ancient times, cats were worshiped as gods; they have not forgotten this.”: Sir Terence David John “Terry” Pratchett

Cat behavior can be a mystery to man. They can go from contented one moment to demented the next! Many family moggies turn from a peaceful, purring puss to a manic, mauling demon in the blink of an eye.

While many cats will love to be cuddled from dusk to dawn, others like a little personal space and find a prolonged cuddle hard to bear. If they go to move away and you hold on a little more firmly in an attempt to continue the smooch, fireworks may erupt.

There is usually a time limit they will give you. The first signal that time is up is often dilation of the pupils or a ‘black eyed’ look. This indicates a change in mood. Aggression is on its way if this progresses to having the ears flattened onto the back of the head and tail swishing. At this stage, it is best to make a quick exit.

There is one main rule of cat ownership – The cat always wins! When your cat indicates that time is up, it is often best to obey. Punishing the bad behavior may make you feel better, but it rarely prevents a reoccurrence. If you want to pat the cat again, it is best to walk away and try again when all is calm.



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NOTE TO OUR FURREY FAMILY MEMBERS

(Written by an unknwn author with a great sense of humor forged through animal ownership)

Dear Dogs and Cats,

The dishes with the paw prints are **yours** and contain **your** food. The other dishes are **mine** and contain **my** food. Please note: placing a paw print in the middle of my plate or food does not stake a claim for it becoming your food, nor do I find that aesthetically pleasing in the slightest.

The stairway was not designed by NASCAR and is not a racetrack. Beating me to the bottom is not the object. Tripping me doesn't help because I fall faster than you can run.

I cannot buy anything bigger than a king-sized bed. I am very sorry about this. Do not think I will continue sleeping on the couch to ensure your comfort. Dogs and cats can actually curl up in a ball when they sleep. It is not necessary to sleep perpendicular to each other stretched out to the fullest extent possible. I also know that sticking tails straight out and having tongues hanging out the other end to maximize space is nothing but sarcasm.

For the last time, there is not a secret exit from the bathroom. If by some miracle I beat you to the bathroom and manage to get the door shut, it is not necessary to claw, whine, meow, try to turn the knob or get your paw under the edge and try to pull the door open. I must, I stress, **MUST** exit through the same door I entered. Also, I have been using the bathroom for years – canine or feline attendance is not required.

The proper order is kiss me, then go smell the other dog or cat's butt. I cannot stress this enough.....