



SHOOTING THE AUTUMN BREEZE

We love seeing so many healthy happy dogs passing here on their daily walks. We even have Frankie, our regular feline visitor. The fresh breezes and gorgeous views are invigorating for all of us here at the Barracks Vet Surgery in Headland Park. Now that the weather begins to cool, here are a few autumn tips to consider:

Arthritis •

Keep an eagle eye out for the symptoms associated with arthritis, even if your pet is reasonably young. As temperatures drop, watch for licking at the joints, limping, difficulty rising, and less enthusiasm for walks. Gentle exercise is encouraged, and please ask James about treatments to reduce inflammation and pain.

Bedding •

We have some Snooza brand beds with memory foam, ideal for large or arthritic pets. It can be fun to replace your pet's old bed and you'll also get rid of any parasitic pests that may be hiding there. Don't waste the old beds though, www.snooza.com.au will gratefully recycle them to the needy!

Ticks and fleas •

Ticks are STILL around so we recommend a daily massage/tick search until the end of April. Then you can reduce topspot squirts to once a month. Recent warm and wet weather has been beneficial to fleas, and many of our patients are suffering skin and behavioural issues, some from just one or two flea bites combined with a flea allergy. There is good news however. Those of you who have tried Capstar in the past to kill the adult fleas will be pleased to learn of a breakthrough product for dogs called Comfortis. This treatment lasts for a month, not just a day. Soon there will be a similar product for cats. That's it for now!



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