



## THE VETERINARY SURGERY

*Yarrambat & North Warrandyte*

Autumn 2013

**News from the clinic :** What a very hot and dry summer we have had. Due to this weather we have seen lots of eye irritation from dust, pets that have been bitten by snakes and the horses that were unfortunately in the epping fires. This issue covers: Koda on Bondi Vet, dental disease in cats and dogs, puppy school and osteoarthritis in dogs. We hope you are enjoying our seasonal newsletters. Keep a look out for the next newsletter.

### Koda and Bondi Vet



Our beloved and favourite Koda is going to be on Bondi Vet again in a couple of months so look out for him. Fortunately for Koda it is not him who is having surgery but another horse currently been treated by our practice.

### Does your cat or dog have bad breath ?

Dental disease is a big problem in dogs and cats and if left untreated can lead to major health issues. Some of these health issues are: teeth becoming so decayed that they need to be removed, painful gums from a decayed tooth and infection from the gums travelling through the blood stream and causing organ damage.

This can be prevented by giving your pets bones, brushing your dogs teeth or feeding special dental dry food. Unfortunately, if your pet already has bad teeth then a dental under anaesthetic will need to be done to remove off any mineral build that has formed on your pets teeth. If you would like any further information then please contact the nurses on 9436 1699. The nurses would be happy to give you any advice that you need.



### Puppy school

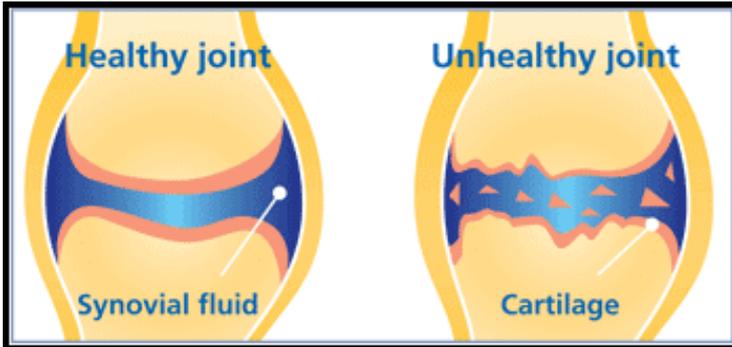
Is your puppy between the ages of 8-12 weeks old ? Well if it is then our puppy school that we run at the clinic may be for you. Puppy school is very important for puppies as between the ages of birth to 16 weeks all experiences (negative or positive) are imprinted in the puppy.

This is why it is so important to make sure your puppy is subjected to as many positive experiences as possible. Give us a call and book your puppy in to the course. It is run over 5 weeks on one night during the week. The puppy school goes for about an hour and your puppy will benefit greatly from it.



## Osteoarthritis – does your dog seem sore ?

Unfortunately the cooler weather brings aches and pains to your dogs. Arthritis in dogs is a common disease that affects one out of five dogs during their lifetime. The problem isn't confined to older dogs. Large-breed dogs are affected more often than small dogs. Heavy dogs are more likely to experience symptoms because of the extra strain placed on ligaments and joints. That why it is a good idea to keep your pets at an ideal weight. Dogs with degenerative arthritis experience varying degrees of lameness, stiffness, and joint pain, which is more apparent in the morning and after getting up from a sleep. Cold and damp surroundings increase pain and stiffness, and that is why dogs can be better in summer but worse in winter. Degenerative arthritis is progressive, and in time makes the dog's life miserable. There are a variety of treatments available that the veterinarian can



prescribe so if you notice: stiffness, not wanting to go for walks, quiet, then give us a call so the vets can go through the different options with you.

## DOG GROOMING

Maree is a qualified groomer at Yarrambat Vet Clinic and is also a Veterinary Nurse so if you need your dog groomed then give her a call on 0438098992. She would love to pamper your pooch. Maree is happy to groom any size or breed.



## STAFF NEWS

**Kim** – We are very sad as Kim will be leaving us and working along side her fiance Ben. She has been with us 5 years and has been a valued employee and will be missed. Good luck in your new adventure.  
**Kate** – Has been with us now for 5 months and is loving working with our clients and their lovely pets.  
**Jess** – We would like to congratulate Jess and Chris on the birth of their little girl in March– Indigo. Jess and Indigo are doing really well.  
**Ari** – Ari and his wife are expecting their first child due to be born late May. We wish them the best of luck and hope they enjoy family life.

<b>THE VETS</b> : Chris, Suzanne, Andrew, Jess, Kim, Rob, Ari, Kate.
<b>THE NURSES</b> : Karen, Elisha, Clare, Abbey, Jen, Victoria, Lara, Lucy, Maree, Jackie
<b>THE GROOMER</b> : Maree

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