

THE VETERINARY SURGERY

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Welcome

Welcome to our first newsletter of 2021. We apologise for missing our December newsletter and would like to advise that we are reducing our newsletter frequency to quarterly.

From the whole team at The Veterinary Surgery, we hope you had a wonderful Christmas and New Year period. We hope our newsletter catches your interest and that you learn something new.

Get to know our team

NURSE MICHELLE GEATCHES



Michelle recently joined us at Yarrambat and North Warrandyte. She has been working as a veterinary nurse for over nine years in busy veterinary clinics where she has developed interests in both medicine and behaviour cases.

At home, Michelle has three dogs, two cats and three horses. One of her dogs is a lovely golden retriever that has an interesting medical condition where she only has one kidney! Michelle enjoys cooking, reading and trail riding in her free time.

Michelle has quickly become an asset to our team with her knowledge and experience!

Fairwell to Dr Phil Downey

We are sad to announce that Dr Phil made the decision to end his time with us at the end of last year. It was a challenging decision for him to make as he loved working in the area and had established good relationships with many of our lovely clients and their pets.

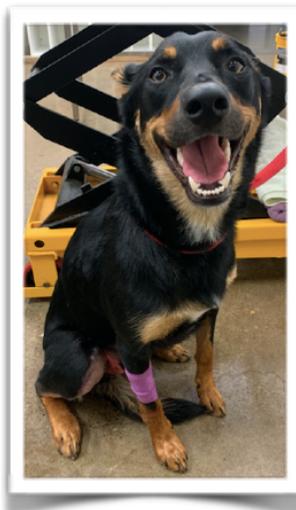
We wish Dr Phil all the best for his future endeavours and know he will do brilliantly where ever his career takes him.



Lucifer's Lucky Recovery

Lucifer was rushed into our clinic last month after being hit by a car. He presented in shock and unable to walk. We feared the worst thinking Lucifer had suffered a severe spinal injury...

However, after 20 minutes of intensive care he became alert and responsive. Lucifer was in hospital with us over a number of days. Over this time he required three surgeries including an initial stitch up of his external wounds, a bladder repair as it had ruptured during the accident and a fractured scapula repair.



Although not out of the woods yet, Lucifer always returns to us at the hospital with a smile on his face! His owners have been there for Lucifer every step of the way and we are so thankful for their continued commitment to his recovery.

Breed profiles

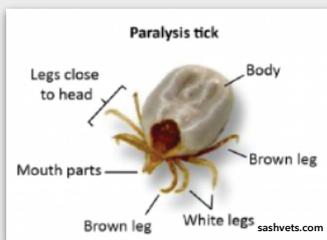
GERMAN WIRE-HAIRED POINTER



The German wire-haired pointer (GWP) make excellent family dogs with good training and solid, steady-fast genetics. They are a working dog that thrive in an active home that is prepared to give them an outlet for their inherent drive. A well-bred GWP can excel in many dog sports, from obedience, agility, dock diving, lure coursing to of course field/hunting sports.

Preventative Care

TICK PREVENTATIVE



Many of you are exploring the beautiful sights that Australia has to offer this time of year... and taking your furry loved ones with you! Please make sure you have your dogs up to date with a tick preventative when heading North or up the coast.

Q & A

Please email us at nurses@thevetsurgery.com.au if you have any suggestions for topics you would like covered in our next newsletter.

Dental Disease

Dental cleaning and extractions are one of the most common routine procedures we perform at our clinic. Often our clients are not aware of the extent of dental disease in their pet's mouths, rather only reporting bad breath (otherwise known as halitosis).

Regular veterinary dental checks are recommended to monitor your pet's teeth. This will often be performed at their annual vaccination, however if you are concerned about your pet's teeth, please do not hesitate to organise a consult.

When there is obvious calculus and plaque build up, we will recommend a dental anaesthetic procedure to clean the teeth and assess if any extractions are required.

Once your pet's teeth have been cleaned, or in early stages of dental disease, there are a few at-home steps to keeping your pet's teeth and gums healthy.

We recommended:

1. Brushing their teeth with a pet specific toothpaste and either a children's tooth brush or finger brush. This is the best way to prevent build up of plaque and calculus
2. Introducing a dental diet. We recommend Hills T/D or Royal Canin Dental as good veterinary products
3. Providing different shaped dental chews to help target all areas of the mouth e.g. oravet sticks, greenies, dentastix, pigs ears, goats horns, deer antlers...



Clinic Animals

Owner: Nurse Tara

Hank (right) is a 2 year old Australian bull dog. He might look tough but he's a massive softy! His partner in crime is George (left), a 7 year old French bull dog.

