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Welcome to our September Newsletter.

Dental month in August helped many pets regain the shine to their teeth and be able to enjoy their bones pain-free again. Merial has released a new dental hygiene chew that has proved very popular in the USA called Oravet. The product will be available in September. We had our first tick paralysis case of the season in August so it is time to ensure your pet is protected.

The warm nights have brought the snakes out of hibernation. Take care! There is very little food in the bush currently meaning wildlife are venturing into suburbia to get food for survival. This has led to many natives being injured. Most have been saved, Thank you to the public for rescuing them.

Behaviour Training

At The Lake Veterinary Hospitals, we value your pet's good behaviour. We encourage good manners from an early age (8-14 weeks) with our puppy pre-school classes or a one-on-one private lesson. We supplement these classes with a Senior Puppy class for dogs from 4 months of age until 6 months and a Good Dog Manners class after 6 months of age. These classes are held each school term, run on Sunday afternoons for 5 and 6 weeks respectively.

Our next Senior Puppy class commences on 16th October and Good Dog Manners class starts the 13th of November 2016. Ring to book your place.

Kluet the musical Orangutan



He released his first jazz single on World Orangutan Day called 'Give me a Klue'.

Kluet used a music app to make his work and his single can be bought on the Zoos SA website. All proceeds are helping the zoos 3 Sumatran Orangutans. Only 7000 still exist in the wild.

Fear of Thunderstorms and Fireworks



Summer in Australia can be noisy: thunderstorms, fireworks and Christmas parties are just some of the events that can trigger noise sensitivities in dogs. Although it may not be possible to avoid the noises, there are some simple ideas for helping your dog to cope during a noisy situation:

- Expose puppies to different noises from a young age and make sure the noises are always associated with something pleasant such as a dog treat. Using Adaptil collars while encountering a potentially scary sound will help your pup avoid negative associations with the noise.
- Providing a crate in a quiet room filled with toys and hidden treats allows your dog to retreat to a safe place when they feel threatened and helps them cope with the stress created by the loud noises. An Adaptil Diffuser can be placed close by to improve their sense of security.
- Never punish your dog for any behaviour that comes as a result of their anxiety - punishment may make their anxiety worse and has a negative impact on your relationship with your dog.
- Masking the loud noise with a noise your dog can tolerate (such as classical music) can make a big difference.
- Engage your dog in a game to distract them.

Some pets fear and anxiety associated with loud noises are severe, and require further medication and training. Please contact us to make an appointment with one of our veterinarians and help your pet feel more secure.



The Lake Veterinary Hospitals is holding "**Polite Pets Month**" in **October** with the focus on noise phobias and anxieties.

During the month of October Kathy Wilson, our Delta accredited trainer, will be offering 30 minute consultations at a special rate. If you have a pet that suffers during storms, loud noises or has any other anxiety related behaviour, please phone one of our hospitals for an appointment with Kathy. She will be seeing patients on a Monday and Tuesday.

Staff Pet Profile

Virginia with Lily

This is Lily, Virginia's five month old lilac Burmese. Lily loves to find the most comfortable spot to rest after her wild antics. Things that she likes to do include pulling towels off racks, papers off pin boards and knocking things down from shelves. Lily also loves to snuggle and spends the nights under the doona purring in Virginia's ear.

