

NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to our June newsletter. We welcome our new vet Keefe Tay and nurse Josie Evans. Keefe has moved to Newcastle to join his fiancé with a wedding due at the end of the year. Our nurse, Jaymee is going on maternity leave in 2 weeks. We wish her and Nick all the best with the birth of their baby. Josie, who has just finished her placement with us, will be staying while Jaymee is on maternity leave. Turnover to see our pet of the month, Anthony meeting up with Dr Harry and the latest product Nexgard Spectra.

A reminder to our valued clients for re-dispensing of prescription medications. For your convenience, please phone ahead during consulting hours so the medication can be authorised and prepared by our veterinarians. All drugs are checked for correct doses and the safety of prolonged use.

New K9 Parvo strain in OZ

A new canine parvovirus in Australia. But don't panic!

Researchers in Adelaide have recently reported the detection of a new type of canine parvovirus. Although this virus is new to Australia, it has been present in many overseas countries since 2000, and is very closely related to parvoviruses that have been present in Australia for the past 40 years.

Experience from other countries that have this particular virus, as well as specific scientific studies, have shown that the current vaccines we use are effective in providing protection against this new type. Similarly, although concerns have been raised about the effectiveness of tests used to detect infection, studies have shown these too are effective for the new type.



So what do you need to do? If your dog is up-to-date with its vaccinations – nothing! Take your dog for a walk and enjoy winter. However if your dog is unvaccinated, now is the time to schedule an appointment, as canine parvovirus, the old types and the new, can cause serious, and in many cases, fatal disease.

Client and Pet Profile

Barry Doherty enjoys riding his tricycle. His trips are not complete without his beloved companion Mikey. Mikey likes the breeze in his face from his back seat vantage point. He recently recovered from life threatening dog bite wounds. He is our pet of the month.



Staff Happennings



Anthony recently met up with Dr Harry. It was a great opportunity to discuss the future of our profession. Dr Harry gave many insights into his view on the future drawing upon his many years of experience. We both agreed pet behaviour is an area our profession can be more progressive in helping our pets and clients. Early identification of problems along with tailored training programs were two key areas identified.

New Product-Nexgard Spectra

Boehringer are releasing a new product this month called Nexgard Spectra. It will cover fleas, ticks, heartworm and some intestinal worms. Tapeworm is not covered meaning a 3 monthly intestinal wormer should still be given. It is an oral monthly chew. We will be stocking the product. **We still recommend our current regime of an annual heartworm injection, a Nexgard monthly flea and tick chew and an intestinal wormer every 3 months. We believe this will provide best compliance for owners and safety of their pets.**

Our Behaviour Trainers

We have 2 experienced Delta Trainers in Kathy Wilson and Phoebe Wallace linked to our hospitals. They both bring with them years of experience. We have Puppy Preschool, individual Puppy Prep and Good Dog Manners Classes available. **Our next date for our Good Dog Manners is the 2nd of July** which runs on a Sunday afternoon. We also conduct Behavioural Training consults at your home to help any vices or anxieties. We recommend filling out a questionnaire from our website before a consultation. Ring 49436066 to book.

