

# NEWSLETTER

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Last month we farewelled Vicki Wills. Vicki has been one of the longest standing veterinarians at The Lake Veterinary Hospitals. Her experience and excellent skills will be missed but most of all, her genuine love of pets and friendly nature to clients and the team. We wish her all the best in the next chapter of her life with John and their horse River and Scottish Terrier Katie.

Please turn over for Rusty our Pet of the Month, the latest staff happenings, bushfire survival plans and tick season warnings.

As Christmas fast approaches, we will be having our hampers at all of our hospitals again. A free ticket is given to clients for every consult for their pet at the hospitals. Our lucky winners will be drawn and notified before Christmas. The raffle will start on the 15<sup>th</sup> of November and finish on the 15<sup>th</sup> of December.



## Vicki Wills Retiring Letter from Vicki

Its been 21 years since I started work at The Lake Vets but it seems to have passed so quickly. First I worked at the old Warners Bay surgery, before being based at Belmont and finally Charlestown. Arthritis is taking its toll so I find its time to say goodbye to Veterinary work, so at the end of September, I will retire.

Things I will miss most are:

Hugs and cuddles, bright round eyes, wet kisses and hand shakes.

Meeting the wonderful servants who faithfully open fridges and fill water bowls, give love and care and generally pamper their furry friends. Stopping pain and disease and seeing our pets run around happy and well again.

Working with some of the most dedicated and lovely people you could ever meet.

I will miss all this - but I have wonderful memories. So, onto the next phase of my life - which will definitely still include animals - how could I live without them?

Love to all. Vicki.



## Trivia Night



We had two teams at the annual local vet trivia night. Both teams showed great general knowledge but none of us are giving up our day jobs yet. The team had a great opportunity to work through a number of problem solving challenges. We soon discovered our strengths and weaknesses and played to our strongpoints. See above for some of the fancy dress costumes.

## Danger - Tick season

Ticks have been very active recently as the tick season is in full swing. The Nexgard chew prevention is working very well in dogs and Frontline in cats. The Seresto collar is proving useful in cats as well. Please check your pet regularly being aware possums and blue tongue lizards can transport the ticks into your yard. If you find a tick on your pet or your pet is having trouble breathing, weak in their back legs or vomiting- please call to make an appointment 49436066 Charlestown or 49459677 Belmont.



## Pet of the Month

Rusty travels to Swansea in style. Rusty came to see Dr Carla in his sidecar. He is still looking for his helmet.



## Bushfire Survival Plan

We would welcome our owners to have a bushfire plan for their pets should the unfortunate situation of a fire arise as we come into fire season. It is a good idea to have a survival pack of cloth (to help avoid smoke inhalation), water, fire blanket, bandages and disinfectant readily available. If you have nowhere to go- The Lake Veterinary Hospitals are more than happy to offer free emergency boarding for pets in need. We also will help any injured wildlife.

