



OLD REYNELLA VETERINARY CLINIC NEWSLETTER AUTUMN 2016

Welcome... Autumn — such a beautiful time of the year! We hope everyone survived the summer heat, and welcome the cooler weather.

Here at the clinic, we have had an eventful last couple of months with the completion of Michael's time here with us (he has since opened his own practice in Nairne with his wife). Quinn our new vet, started in January, and has proven every bit as lovely as Michael was, and is winning over clients left, right and centre!

This issue covers nasty things that can be found around the home and can make your pets very sick; we show you some unusual pets, and the nurses who own them, and we have a hero in our midst! Meet Ella, Roxanne's amazing daughter! As always, if you would like to see something particular featured in our newsletter, please contact the clinic.



The team from the Old Reynella Vet...

Introducing Ella...

Anyone who has met our lovely nurse Roxanne probably knows she has two girls, but recently one of her children embarked upon a fundraising effort; and was overwhelmed by the response!

Ella is in year 1 and has a school mate named Jed, who is currently undergoing chemotherapy and consequently has no hair. Ella asked Roxanne why Jed has no hair, and upon finding out her friend was unwell, offered to give him her hair instead. Touched by this gesture, Roxanne instead organized a crowd funding campaign to raise money for Camp Quality. The goal was \$1000 with the end result that should they reach this goal, Ella would cut her hair off!

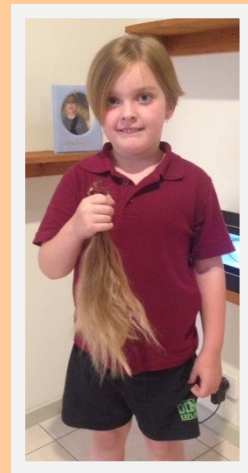
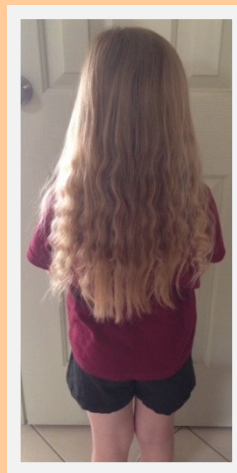
Their crowd funding campaign was a roaring success, raising a massive \$4,125 ! Roxanne said 'we were absolutely blown away by the support, and raised more money than we ever expected.'

Ella was featured in the Victor Harbor Times as well,

promoting her effort and helping to raise further funds for Camp Quality.

After the phenomenal response, representatives of Camp Quality will be meeting with Ella personally to thank her, and she now sports a cute bob, with her 30cm of hair being sent off to make wigs for cancer patients.

Thanks Ella for your donation.



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Keeping unusual critters as pets...

It seems that as the trend for smaller courtyard homes continues, people are seeking out more unusual pets that take up less space. We see varied species at our clinic, including rabbits, ferrets, guinea pigs, mice and rats, all of which are gaining popularity as wonderful companions.

But have you ever thought about reptiles and amphibians as rewarding pets?

Australia is truly blessed to have an amazing array of native reptiles

and amphibians, many of which make fantastic pets.

One species includes the Central Bearded Dragon. These guys tend to be very placid, and lazy! Provided you have the right set up, they will be quite content to eat and bask all day under their heat lamp. Two of our nurses keep bearded dragons as pets. There is no special permit required for keeping just one bearded dragon.

Frogs also make great pets, but do tend to be quite boring—they are usually nocturnal after all! However they are great to watch when fed a few live crickets! There is no license required to keep

frogs, but certain species cannot be housed together.

Both frogs and reptiles need a special set up to keep them happy and active. If you are considering keeping one as a pet, please come and talk to Lauren or Kylie to discuss your needs.



One of Kylie's pet Eastern Water Dragons, Diego.

Household horrors...

There are many products that can be found in and around the home that can be quite nasty if your pet comes into contact with them. Here is a quick list of ones you may not be aware of....



Lillies: all lilies are toxic to cats. Even grooming the pollen from their coat can bring about kidney failure. Be careful when having cut flowers in your house.

Rat bait and snail bait: It may seem obvious, but some products advertise that the product is 'pet friendly' as the poison is made unpalatable. This usually makes no difference to greedy pets, as the same agents that attract rats and mice and snails smell delicious to dogs and cats.

Sultanas, Grapes, Raisins: Can cause organ failure with even a small amount being consumed.

Artificial sweeteners: Ingestion can lead to wobbliness

and total collapse very quickly.

Macadamias: Causes weakness and paralysis, and a toxic dose can be as little as 1 nut per kilogram!

Cicad or Sago Palm: All parts are toxic. Symptoms are tummy upsets, seizure and liver failure and death. There is no treatment options available.

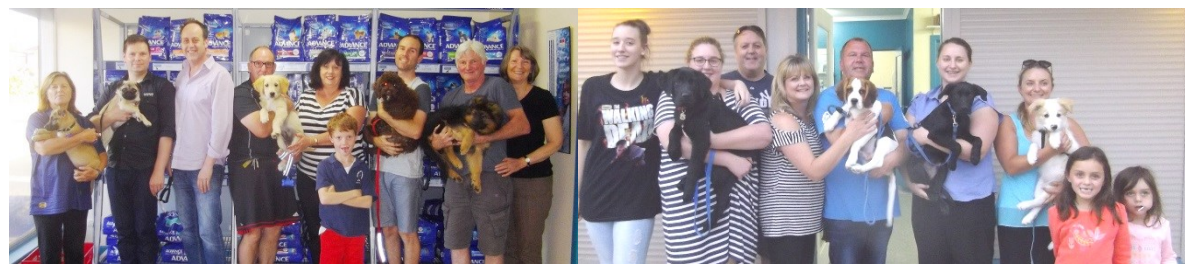


Onions, Garlic, Leeks etc: Any form (powder or raw) from the onion family damage the membrane of red blood cells leading to severe anaemia.

Chocolate: Contains theobromine, especially dark chocolate, and acts as a stimulant. Ingestion of even a small amount can lead to heart arrhythmias, tremors, seizures and death.

This is a short list of some of the potential toxic substances found in your home. If you would like to know more please contact the clinic for more information.

Congrats to our current Puppy School graduates!



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