



Autumn 2018

Welcome...

Welcome to the autumn issue of the Old Reynella Vet Clinic newsletter. Yet another one of our lucky staff members Bekki had her first overseas holiday to— you guessed it— Europe! Here we see her holding up the Leaning Tower of Pisa in Italy, what an awesome photo!

This issue introduces our wonderful new nurse Sarah, and her cat Riley. We also celebrate the success of our latest round of Puppy Schoolers, and share Michelle's new Cat Run she has had built at home.

Lastly we give you some important information on the impending Cat and Dog legislation requirements which will come into play from July 1st 2018.

Thank you again for continuing to support our clinic,

The Team from the Old Reynella Vet.



Congratulations to our newest puppy graduates!

Welcome Sarah and her furry friend Riley!

Sarah is the newest nurse to join our team. Sarah began studying to become a veterinary nurse in 2013. During this time she worked at Glenside Vet Clinic and became fully qualified in early 2016. It was not long after completing her studies Sarah took some time off for the birth of her first child.

Now she's back, and has rejoined the industry and the Old Reynella Team! Sarah has a keen interest in the surgical side of nursing, particularly the more unusual procedures such as eye surgery and exploratory surgeries. So far, her favourite nursing experience has been assisting in the removal of a huge 5kg lump from a dog's abdomen!

Riley is Sarah's beautiful five year old cat she originally adopted from the RSPCA as a kitten. Riley's favourite hobbies include sleeping, chasing hair ties and hiding from Sarah's little girl. Riley is a complete mummies boy taking every opportunity to sit in Sarah's lap when she's awake, and trying to smother her face whilst asleep.

Be sure to welcome Sarah (and Riley) to the team whenever you pop into the clinic next!



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Sunday and Public Holidays: **CLOSED**



New Dog and Cat management laws—what they mean for you and your pets.

This financial year will see huge changes to the dog (and cat) registration process with local councils. The changes have been implemented in an effort to minimize irresponsible backyard breeding and puppy farmers, and to ensure a greater number of stray pets will find their way home. We are very supportive of the new changes which will ultimately improve the welfare of all pets, and want to provide all the information you will need coming up to July 1st 2018.

ALL CATS AND DOGS MUST BE MICROCHIPPED BY JULY 1ST 2018—NO EXCEPTIONS. This must be performed by a certified individual (such as a veterinary surgeon). It is an almost painless procedure that can be done at any time. If your pet is not yet microchipped, please contact the clinic to make an appointment for this to be done. Also do you know if your pets microchip details are up to date? Contact the clinic to check if you are unsure.

ALL CATS AND DOGS BORN AFTER 1ST JULY 2018 ARE TO BE DESEXED BY SIX MONTHS OF AGE. There are some exemptions to this rule such as for pets with anaesthesia risk or age appropriate desexing for larger breed dogs, but these exemptions can only be made by your veterinarian and will be limited to a maximum of twelve months from issue. Owners can apply for further exemptions from the Dog and Cat Management board at a further cost on top of annual registration fees. Please check out their website for more information.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT REGISTRATION WILL CHANGE TO THE FOLLOWING TITLES:

Standard: All pets that are desexed and microchipped.

(The City of Onkaparinga will charge \$41.50 per year)

Non standard pets: Any pet not desexed but microchipped. (The City of Onkaparinga will charge \$83 per year)



Pets that have their training certificate may also receive a further discount—contact your local council for further information (The City of Onkaparinga will offer \$15 discount for Training certified pets).

If you choose to keep your pet undesexed, not only will you be required to pay a much higher annual registration fee through your local council but you may also be required to apply for exemptions annually thereafter through the Dog & Cat Management Board at further cost. For example, a breeder exemption will cost \$75 per year per pet on top of local government fees.

ALL MICROCHIPS AND DESEXINGS WILL BE RECORDED THROUGH A NEW GOVERNMENT DATABASE known as DACO. As veterinarians we will have a responsibility to report all the desexing procedures and microchipping we perform in clinic to this database. Pet owners will also be obligated to keep their information up to date, and will also be able to access information of registered breeders and dangerous pets.

If you would like further information or clarification on any information we have provided, contact your local council or the Dog and Cat Management Board.

Cat Runs– Securing your feline friends

With the startling results of cat tracking being performed internationally, *Cat Tracking Australia* is an initiative created by the government of South Australia in conjunction with local universities to map out where pet cats spend their time roaming. Results have been incredible, with most cats travelling up to several kilometers from their home in one journey! You can see how far some of these Aussie cat's have travelled on the research groups website www.discoverycircle.org.au

With this in mind, we are encouraging owners to consider creating a cat run for their cats. Statistically cats that are kept indoors or restricted to outdoor cat runs are less likely to become unwell and will cost less in vet bills over their lifetime. They're also less likely to contract Feline AIDS, get into fights with other cats or be killed by a vehicle straying on the road.

Recently our practice manager Michelle had a cat run installed down the side of her house and part of her yard for her four cats. The company who installed this run is a South Aussie owned company called CatPad Enclosures. They offer both portable cat runs suitable for rental tenancies right up to large and more permanent options like Michelle's run. If you would like to contact CatPad Enclosures you can check them out on Facebook or contact them directly on 0417 861 781.

Michelle's cat pad runs down the side of the house as well

CatPad enclosures

