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**Welcome...**

Well, 2013 is certainly flying, unbelievably it's already April! We hope everyone enjoyed their long weekend over Easter. Hopefully some of you were even lucky enough to get away for a holiday!

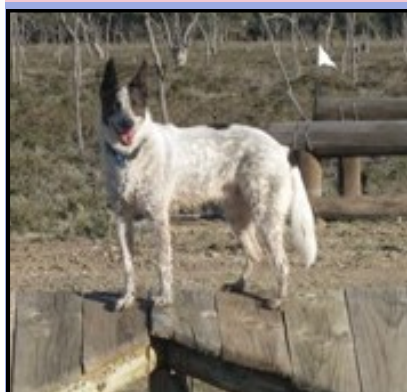
March saw the end of the hot weather and also our amazing vet Michael 'Woody' Woodworth marrying his long term partner, and fellow vet, Cammy O'Rourke. The wedding took place at the Adelaide Zoo, and we, as guests, were treated to an after hours Panda viewing and Tiger feeding, before the reception took place at the zoo's function centre. Michael is back at work for the moment, but will be taking off for a belated honeymoon later on in the year.

This issue of the newsletter introduces the final member of our team Michelle – she is our Practice Manager and spends a lot of time behind the scenes to keep our clinic running smoothly. We also introduce a monthly pain relief tablet that could make your dog feel like a young puppy again! We hope you enjoy the cooler weather and we'll see you soon!



**Trocoxil – Reactivate your dog!**

With the cooler weather on its way, you may notice your dog starting to slow down. Perhaps they find getting up from their bed a little harder, or they don't really feel like playing ball anymore. Maybe stairs are presenting a challenge when they never have before? If your dog is over the age of five, they could be starting to develop the early stages of arthritis. Believe it or not, a whopping 1 in 3 pets are affected by this debilitating disease for which there is no cure – and it can happen to any size dog, large or small. Trocoxil is a long-lasting anti-inflammatory product available for dogs. It is given once a month to provide constant relief from symptoms of joint pain, and usually works out to be not only more convenient, but cheaper than daily tablets. During the next two months, we are going to be offering the initial treatment of Trocoxil free to the first 15 patients! So if you notice your pet has started to slow down, contact the clinic to book in and see if Trocoxil can benefit your favourite companion!



**Creature Feature**

**Name:** Buddy

**Breed:** Whilst predominantly Kelpie X Collie there are a few extras thrown in as well. DNA test reveals that Buddy also has some Lhasa Apso, Australian Cattle dog and Akita.

**Age:** 8

**Loves:** Walking the cross country courses at horse events with mum and sitting under the desk at work at the vet clinic.

If you would like your pet featured here, please send us a photo to [enquiries@oldreynellavet.com.au](mailto:enquiries@oldreynellavet.com.au)

## Meet the team...

This section is a chance for you to get to know our clinic staff on a more personal level.

5 minutes with Michelle:

Nickname: Tappy

How long have you been working with us? 8 years

Why did you become a veterinarian/veterinary nurse? I've always loved to help animals, especially mistreated horses. I enjoy bringing them back to good health and seeing them prosper.

Favourite pastime when not working? Eventing my horses, and camping with my friends at horse events.

Favourite Food? Tomatoes and Chicken.

Favourite Movie? Primal Fear and Speed

Favourite TV show? Big Bang Theory

Favourite Music? Just about anything – perhaps not country.

Favourite moment in your career? Adopting my dog and cats who were dumped at the clinic unwell, and bringing them back to good health.

Any pet's? I have five horses – Grommet, Wilson (pictured right), Sprite, Shiraz and Merlot; three cats – Lilly, Smudge and Cleo and a dog named Buddy (who spends a lot of time behind the front desk at the clinic). He is also in our Creature Feature this issue!



## The Easter Bunny has been and gone, but your dog may still be at risk...

The Easter bunny has been bringing chocolate-y goodness to both the young and young at heart. It's given us a great chance to spend time with family and friends (four-legged too) but did you know that too much chocolate fed to your dog can be fatal? Feeding a small amount of chocolate may seem harmless, but it will cause your canine friends to crave it (not unlike us!) This can lead to them hunting it down in the unlikeliest of places, and gorging on any chocolate flavoured goodies they can find, to their detriment.

Chocolate contains a compound called *theobromine*, which is a naturally occurring stimulant found in the cocoa bean. Different types of chocolate have varying amounts of theobromine, but no type is considered safe. White chocolate only contains a very small amount, whereas dark chocolate and cooking chocolate has the highest concentrations of theobromine. Symptoms of poisoning can start almost immediately and most commonly cause vomiting and diarrhoea, restlessness and hyperactivity. Frequent urination is also common, and directly caused by the toxin. Failure to seek veterinary help at this point may lead to seizures, hyperthermia and coma, followed by death.

### So just how much chocolate is too much?

While it can be different for every dog, and dependant upon the type of chocolate ingested, any amount could be potentially deadly. So with Easter eggs invading almost every home, please keep your chocolate hidden away from your dog! However, if your pet does ingest some chocolate, or begins to show symptoms of chocolate poisoning, please contact the clinic immediately on 8322 4355 to seek advice.