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Welcome

Hello and welcome to the second edition of the Old Reynella Veterinary Clinic Newsletter. We would like to thank everyone for the positive feedback we have received for our first publication. This issue focuses on Dental Month, coming up in the month of August. As part of Dental Month, we will be offering free dental checks with our team of vets, and any dental cleaning performed during the month of August will receive a free dental pack and go into the draw to win a large bag of Hills T/D. Book in now so you do not miss out as we only have limited stock available!



In clinic we will also be offering a colouring-in competition, and other fun games with prizes to be won, so come on in and see our team, and learn more about what you can do to keep your pets teeth shiny and clean! If you have any suggestions of what you might like to see in your Newsletter, please contact the clinic at enquiries@oldreynellavet.com.au

Puppy Playschool

Attention all puppy owners! Having a new puppy at home can be a rewarding experience, but also trying, as new puppies can be mischievous and cheeky! It is also interesting to know, that puppies who receive ample socialisation between the ages of 3 and 16 weeks are more likely to become more relaxed and trainable adult dogs. The importance of good socialisation cannot be stressed enough. The most common cause of aggression in adult dogs is lack of correct socialisation, NOT abuse and mistreatment. For this reason, our new Puppy Playschool classes endeavor to socialise your puppy to as many new people and experiences as possible, and make this a happy time for both you and your family. Currently our classes are run on a Monday night from 6:45pm for a four week period. If you have a new four legged friend and would



like to join in to our Puppy Playschool classes, please contact the clinic for more information. Hurry, places are limited!

CONGRATULATIONS to our first group of graduates! From left to right the puppies are Shayla, Riley, Zoran, Floyd, Tilly & Molly.

Creature Feature

Name: Peanut

Breed: Maltese Terrier x Chihuahua

Age: 8 months

Loves: Knot bone rawhide treats

If you would like your pet featured here, please send us a photo to enquiries@oldreynellavet.com.au



Meet the team

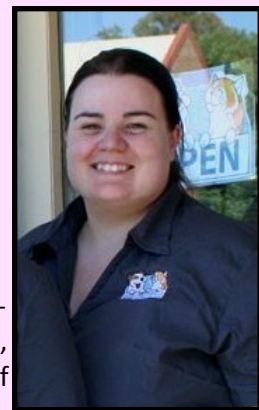
This section is a chance for you to get to know our clinic staff on a more personal level.

5 minutes with Kylie Howlett, Veterinary Nurse

Nickname: Foliage (it is a long story!)

How long have you been working with us? Since September 2006

Why did you become a veterinary nurse? I wanted a change from my then career as a horticulturalist. Three reasons: I was keen for a new challenge; I love working in a customer service role, where your opinion and advice can really help; and I love animals. Veterinary nursing ticks all of these boxes, so for me it was a natural progression to seek a job in the industry.



Favourite pastime when not working? I am a keen artist, and I LOVE airbrush art. I am currently studying an Advanced Techniques course, and produce large scale photo real paintings. I also have started teaching airbrush to new students, which I am also thoroughly enjoying.

Favourite Food? Roast Pork with all the trimmings! Or a really good steak.

Favourite Movie? As a teenager, The Crow. Now, both Ironman movies, The Hellboy movies, Pans Labyrinth, 300, Avatar, Napoleon Dynamite, Batman Begins and The Dark Knight.

Favourite TV show? Wow, there are HEAPS - probably Sons of Anarchy, True Blood, Spartacus: Blood and Sand, Scrubs, Homeland, The Vampire Diaries, and anything with Heston Blumenthal.

Favourite moment in your career? There are many, I enjoy any moment where I get to have a laugh with a client, or have a breakthrough when we are treating their pet.

Any pets? I have Timmy, a Fox Terrier X Jack Russell, also my pride and joy Zero, my enormous teddy bear/Alaskan Malamute. He is the sweetest dog I have ever known, and gives the best cuddles! I also have green tree frogs.

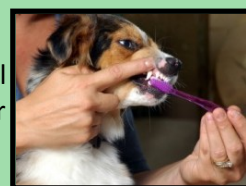


Dental Care - as important for your pet as it is for us

Not unlike our own teeth, dogs and cats require daily dental care as well. All cats and dogs grow a set of baby teeth, which fall out around 5 months of age and are replaced by a set of adult teeth. These teeth are the only set they have, so if they are not cared for, they will fall out. Small dog breeds and cats are particularly prone to developing severe dental disease, and four out of five pets are affected at as young as two years of age. Many owners are not aware that their pet is affected. Dental disease is painful, and can lead to infection and bacteria in the bloodstream, affecting major organs such as the heart, kidneys and liver. Signs of dental disease may include some or all of the following: bad breath, yellow/brown crust on teeth, bleeding gums, changes in chewing and eating habits, tooth loss, abnormal drooling, and broken teeth.

There are many different products you can use to assist in keeping your pets teeth shiny and clean

1. Brushing is the first most effective method, and should be done once daily using a special toothbrush and pet-friendly toothpaste. Do not use human toothpaste as you may give your pet an upset tummy.



2. Unable to brush your dog or cats teeth? The next best products are Hills Prescription T/d, or Advance Dental food. They are fully balanced diets, and Hills T/d is the only pet food to have the Veterinarian Oral Health Council stamp of approval for efficacy in controlling plaque, tartar and gingivitis. They are available in several bag sizes and covered by a 100% money back guarantee.

3. If your pet does not like Hills Prescription T/d then you may like to try Plaque-off, an algae-based product that is added in a miniscule amount to your pets normal food. It works with their saliva to prevent the build up of tartar thereby maintaining healthy teeth and gums.

If dental disease proceeds unchecked in your pet, it may come to a point where your four-legged friends require surgical intervention to ensure the ongoing health of the teeth and gums. This can include scaling and polishing, to the extraction of both smaller and larger teeth. So If you pet has a stinky smile, call the clinic today and schedule a dental check up!

