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NEWSLETTER - ISSUE 7 — JUNE—JULY 2013

Welcome....

Hello and welcome to the latest issue of our newsletter. Winter is on the way and with the woolly weather arriving, we hope both you and your furry friends are rugging up and staying warm and snug. In previous issues we have had a feature on each of our staff members, which we hoped you enjoyed. Now instead we will be introducing you to a different case study every issue – this one is about a very unlucky puppy named Dusty! Be sure to read on! If you have any suggestions of features you may like to see in your newsletter, please feel free to contact us! We hope you stay warm this winter!

The team from the Old Reynella Veterinary Clinic.



PET PORTRAITS

Immortalise your pet forever, and support one of our team!

You may have met our Vet Nurse Kylie before, but you may not know she has a hidden talent! Kylie has always been an artistic person, having loved to paint and draw since a small child. Three years ago, she attended private classes and her talents have now expanded to include the airbrush tool. With this skill she is now able to create super realistic photo-like paintings of people, animals, landscapes – just about anything you can think of! Kylie has also got a puppy portrait on display behind the front desk at the clinic,

which you may have seen without even realizing it! In the last twelve months, Kylie has started her own home business producing paintings for people, and also teaching the skill of airbrush to other keen individuals. Pictured here is a portrait of 'Woody', which was painted as a birthday gift for a very lucky lady. If you would like to support our talented team member, check out more of Kylie's work or even get in touch with her for a quote, you can view her website at www.airbrushbykylie.com and be sure to follow the link and to 'like' her page on Facebook too!

Puppy Play-School

We would like to congratulate the following puppies and their owners on their graduation from Puppy Playschool:

April graduates: *Shastah Nottage, Chanel Foster, Hugo Schottelius, Maxx Havers and Scotty Walsh*

May Graduates (pictured): *Aysha Fitt, Cassie Fulwood and Maggie Garbutt & Channing*. Congratulations to you all!

If you have a puppy aged between 8 and 16 weeks and would like to enroll in Puppy Playschool, we have classes which run from 6:45pm on Monday nights for four consecutive weeks. In our Playschool, we have supervised playtime, problem solve all your basic problem behaviours such as toilet training and biting, as well as teach simple obedience. If you would like to know more please call the clinic to express your interest.



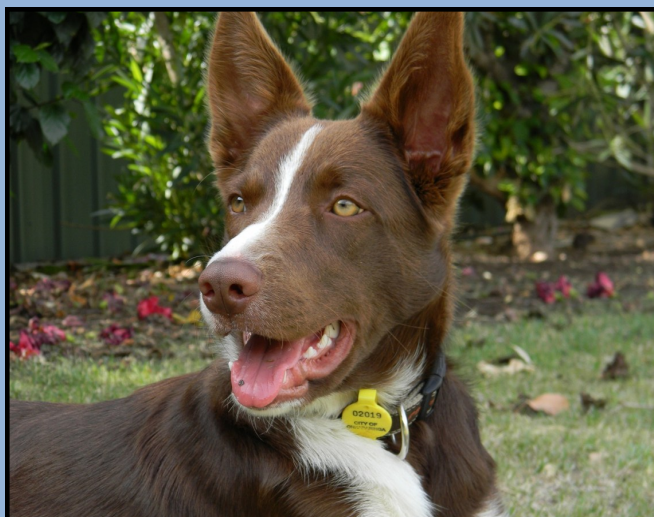
Feature case: Dusty Keyes

This newsletter's feature case is about an accident prone puppy named Dusty. He is an absolutely lovely dog but very active and into everything, as you would probably expect! In April, a seven month old Dusty ran inside with a small stick protruding from his eye socket. The stick had plunged itself into the space between Dusty's eye and eye socket, a very painful injury indeed. Mum 'Robyn' immediately headed down to the clinic. Upon presentation, Dusty's eye had scratches upon the corneal surface which had caused nasty ulcers. Internally the eye had become very inflamed, which is common after severe trauma. After a wriggly examination by Hazel, Dusty was sent home with two different types of eye drops and antibiotic and anti-inflammatory tablets. Two days later, Dusty returned for a revisit to recheck his eye – the ulcers had almost completely healed and he was able to stop some of his medication. 10 days following at a final recheck, Dusty's eye was entirely better.

Unfortunately for Robyn, Dusty's misadventures were not over yet.

Not even three weeks later, Dusty presented to us again, but this time he had cut the pad on his paw on his left hind leg. Thankfully for Robyn, the wound was only superficial and did not require suturing. Rather, we bandaged Dusty up and sent him home with more antibiotic and anti-inflammatory tablets, and some extra sedatives to try and keep this excitable boy relaxed during his recovery.

At the end of the day, Dusty's experiences are just a small snapshot of how easily your pet can become injured and require veterinary attention. While most people are not as unlucky as Robyn, here at the clinic we frequently see many puppies who get themselves into trouble as quickly and easily as Dusty, in their very own backyards!



Pet Insurance: Save your pocket!

Most people have private insurance for themselves and their family, car insurance, and house insurance but may not be aware that they can cover their pets too. Pet insurance is relatively new in Australia, but the awareness of its existence is growing, thanks to TV commercials, radio and online advertising. Certainly for us as a Veterinary practice, the number of insured patients is growing, which is wonderful. We are seeing less people having to go through the heartache of making decisions for their beloved pet based on their financial situation. Pet Insurance is a way of budgeting for those unexpected events that involves expensive vet fees and surgeries that accidents or illness can bring. Whilst like with any insurance policy one would hope to not have to use it but the truth is you are more likely to use your pet insurance than you are your home or car insurance. Our experience shows that 1 in 3 pet owners will make an unexpected trip to the vet at some stage. Having your pets insured gives you peace of mind that you will be able to offer your best friend the best possible care and treatment available if they are involved in an accident or faced with an illness.



Below are just a few of the many pet insurance companies around. Simply click on the logo or follow the link to the website for more information. When researching which pet insurance is best for you ensure you check your pet will be "covered for life" and that you have them covered against accident and illness.



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