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### Welcome....

Welcome to the third issue of our clinic newsletter. The wild winter weather is now making way to more balmy spring conditions, and it's the perfect time to get out and about with your four legged friends! This issue contains information about Feline AIDS – a potentially fatal disease in cats, as well as the brand new DNA testing product for your canine companions. We also meet Hazel in our 'Meet the Team' section.

We would also like to take this opportunity to make you aware that we will be closing at 1pm on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> November to attend Jenna's wedding. Our lovely nurse Jenna is taking the plunge and marrying her long-term partner, Michael (and we'll have some lovely photos in the next issue!).

Finally we would like to congratulate our competition winners. Our Hills Canine T/D winners were Jacqui Coral a Terrier and Saxon a Dachshund X, and the winner of the Hills feline T/D was Jetty. We hope they enjoy their food. Also Harry, our colouring in competition winner for dental month. We all think he did a fantastic job and hope he enjoys his prizes too.



Harry's winning entry.

Thanks again for your continuing support of our practice – keep the photos of your furry friends coming, so we can include them on our Facebook page!

## The Advance DNA Test is now available in clinic.



The smarter you are about your dog's past, the smarter you can be about their future - like people they inherit physical and character traits from breeds in their family tree. Knowing more about their relatives can help determine why your dog is the character they are, and whether there will be certain diseases that could play a role in their future with you.

Unlike previous canine DNA tests, the Advance Mixed Breed Identification DNA Test requires a simple blood sample taken in clinic and within four weeks you will have a full certificate of breeding, right back to great-grandparents, information on why these breeds have been pin pointed and a list of possible genetic and hereditary diseases that may factor in your dog's life.

If you would like to know more visit <a href="www.advancepet.com.au/dna/">www.advancepet.com.au/dna/</a> or the clinic website <a href="www.oldreynellavet.com.au">www.oldreynellavet.com.au</a> or even contact the helpful staff in practice.

# Creature Feature

Name: Levi

**Breed:** Levi is a special 'Creature Feature' this newsletter, as he is our first patient who has undergone the new Advance DNA testing. He is a mixed breed dog with Scottish, Maltese and Silky terrier in his parent dogs, as well as some poodle and fox terrier heritage.

Age: 9 months

**Loves:** Eating, running along the beach, digging holes and dancing. Yes that's right, he has the best wiggle dance ever!

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 Dr. Hazel Cable, Veterinarian and Owner

Nickname: Captain Cable – from my nursing staff, I had no choice about it.

How long have you been working with us? 7 years

Why did you become a veterinarian? My dad is also a vet, so I had a lot of hands-on experience when I was young. During school holidays I would go on large animal call-outs with my dad.

Favourite pastime when not working? Socialising with friends, hiking, going to the gym, reading and wine tasting.

Favourite Food? Fresh fruit and vegetables, lasagne, fresh fish and roast chicken.

Favourite Movie? Finding Nemo, Taken and the Lethal Weapon series.

Favourite TV show? Midsummer Murders, Lewis, CSI, Grand Designs and Megastructures.

Favourite Music? Anything except Opera, Rap and Heavy Metal.

Favourite moment in your career? Having the opportunity to examine a male lion after it was darted. His pride of four lionesses watched from about 20 metres away, like we were their next meal.

Any pets? I have two cats – Gecko, a seven year old Russian Blue (she was a stray) and Scallywag, an eight year old black and white boy who I saved from death row.



## FELINE AIDS—IS YOUR CAT AT RISK?

#### What do you know about feline AIDS?

Feline AIDS is caused by infection with feline immunodeficiency virus (FIV). FIV causes a potentially fatal viral disease that interferes with the immune system of a cat. The virus lives in the blood of the infected cat and is carried in its system throughout its life. Infected cats may expose healthy cats with which they come into contact, most often by biting. Cats infected with FIV

may remain healthy for up to 10 years, but then as the immune system is destroyed, they will quickly fall into ill health, and may die prematurely from a simple infection.

FIV is spread from cat to cat primarily through bite wounds, the virus being

shed in high levels through saliva. For this reason outdoor cats are at a higher risk for contracting the disease. Coming in to spring and summer, it is more common for cats to fight with one another. Whether the cat is male or female plays no role in risk of transmission, but classically, male cats tend to fight more often.

Unfortunately, we have seen a steady increase of FIV positive cats in our clinic area – and many more are put to sleep as suspected cases. Vaccination is the best way to prevent the disease in at-risk cats as there is no treatment or cure for an FIV infected cat. If you are not sure if your cat is vaccinated, or would like to upgrade their current vaccination schedule to include FIV, we are providing a \$39 discount voucher from the blood test and vaccine schedule to use in the months of October and November. Simply cut out this voucher and book in your kitty today (conditions apply)!

For October & November 2012 we will be offering

\$39 off

# FELINE AIDS UPGRADE PACK

This includes FIV test, and 3 vaccinations Normally \$206.90 now \$167.90.

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Expiration Date: 30/11/2012

