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Welcome....

Welcome to our newsletter for October & November, the hot summer weather is hopefully on its way! Yay! (But so is Christmas! EEK!)

Everyone in the team has been busy; Kylie has been renovating her house with her husband, having had her kitchen AND outdoor area completely redone. Roxanne and her family bought a gorgeous new house in Mount Compass, and moved in just recently. Michelle has been away to Melbourne to compete in the Horse Trials and Jenna has been landscaping her garden.

Hazel is heading home to see her family in South Africa this month, so won't be

returning to consult until Monday 28th October. Never fear though, our lovely Vet Michael will be stepping up and working for her instead, so be sure to come in and say Hi!

We hope all your furry, feathered and four-legged friends are happy and healthy. Enjoy the sunshine, and we'll see you soon!



WIN! WIN! WIN!

WIN up to \$10,000 of veterinary care for your pet!



Revolution is giving you the opportunity to win up to \$10,000 worth of Vet care for your pet. Simply purchase any pack of Revolution to enter. You will also be double dipping as your purchase will also be added to your reward card to collect your FREE 3 pack as well.

WIN a breed identification test for your dog.

Have you ever wondered what breed your dog is? Well now you have the chance to win a breed identification test for your dog.

Step 1—Like our page on facebook.

Step 2— Add a photo of your dog to our facebook page before November 15th.

Step 3—Voting will open on facebook on November 16th. The winner will be the photo with the most votes on facebook.

Winning dog must be able to attend the clinic for us to collect a small blood sample for the test.



For more information of both of these competitions plus more visit our website <u>www.oldreynellavet.com.au</u>

Puppy Play-School Graduates

August Graduates: (L to R) Jack, Jody and Georgia with Snooks, Kristin with Calvin, Liz with Charlie, and Robyn with Timmy - Congratulations!



When Candy plays with cars....

Meet Candy. Candy is a 10 month old desexed male domestic short hair. His Owners brought him in to us after he was hit by a car. After a Physical Examination performed by Dr. Hazel Cable it was found that Candy's left hind leg was swollen and he was unable to put any weight on it. He also had some grazes on his face. Candy was admitted and X-rays of his pelvis and legs were performed. The X-ray confirmed that his femur was shattered but his pelvis was intact with no damage. After the diagnosis and discussion with Candy's parents he underwent surgery to amputate his leg left hind leg. After anaesthetizing Candy, Hazel dissected though





and tied off the femoral artey and removel all the bone fragments and the head and neck of the femur. After spending the night will us on strong pain relief he was send home on cage rest.

In the following weeks, Candy recovered beautifully and after 1 week of confined rest he was free to walk around and get use to having three legs. He as gone from strength to strength and now gets around like any other normal cat.

Noise phobias in pets - boom crash drama.

During Spring and Summer Adelaide will experience it's fair share of stormy weather. This may bring welcome relief for some, but for dogs with noise phobias (and pet owners!) thunderstorms, fireworks, even wind can bring anxiety and stress. Phobic dogs can exhibit behavioral changes that may start with panting, shaking and hiding, to incontinence, destructiveness and even escapism.

Any breed of dog can develop noise phobias but it does seem more common in herding breeds, such as Kelpies and Border Collies. The symptoms tend to worsen with age, and owners often unwittingly reinforce the behavior by attempting to comfort their pets' thereby confirming to the dog that indeed there is something to worry about!

Noise phobias can be improved by desensitizing the affected pet to the sounds they are most frightened of. Speak to the clinic about obtaining a 'Sounds of Life' CD then play this recording at a low level initially, until the pet becomes



accustomed to the noises. While these recordings are being played, the pet owner must take on a jolly and relaxed demeanor, and neither comfort nor reprimand their pet during this time, instead carry on their normal day to day activities. This may not cure a severely affected animal; it may only provide some assistance. In these cases, sedatives and other medications may be required.

Exposing puppies to loud noises in a happy, relaxed atmosphere can help to prevent noise phobias from developing.

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