



OLD REYNELLA VETERINARY CLINIC

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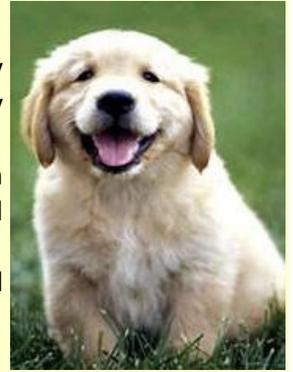
Welcome....

Spring has sprung! Hurrah! We hope you and your furry friends are enjoying the arrival of the warmer weather by getting out in the sunshine!

This issue addresses the recent rise in cat fights we have seen in clinic, also we'll provide you with the information you need to update your pet's microchip details, plus much more!

Take care, give your furry friends a cuddle for us, and we'll see you soon.

The team at the Old Reynella Vet Clinic.



DID YOU KNOW....

Lilies of all species are toxic to cats! If they come into contact with the plant, cut flowers or even ingest a small amount of pollen (through grooming) it can lead to kidney failure! Beware if you have any lilies growing on your property or have cut flowers in your home!



Microchips and you

Microchipping is fast becoming a common part of pet ownership, and is even mandatory in the Eastern states. Did you know that once a microchip is placed, it becomes your responsibility to ensure the contact information attached is up to date?

A microchip is a chip the size of a rice grain that is implanted between the shoulder blades of your pet.

When scanned, a multiple digit number specific to your pet will flash up. This number can then be input into the national microchip register either by phone or online and the owners details are revealed. The problem with this system is that many pet owners believe that the information originally supplied with the implanting vet (such as address and phone numbers) automatically



updates should they change any of their personal details. Unfortunately, this is not the case at all. Nor is it the responsibility of the original implanter to change this for you, as your information can no longer be accessed due to privacy laws. If your pet should go missing, and the information connected to their microchip number is incorrect, this could be disastrous and result in greater difficulty for them to find their way home to you, or even being lost forever.

If you are unsure as to whether your personal information is correct on your microchip, please contact Central Animal Records with your pets microchip number on 1800 333 202 or check out their website www.car.com.au If you don't know your pets microchip number, please contact the clinic for more information.

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Saturday: 8:30am—4pm
Sunday and Public Holidays: CLOSED



Like squeezing pimples?

Lately we have been seeing a large number of cats with abscesses caused by cat bites. Cats generally get bitten by other felines at night. Cat bites cause tiny puncture



wounds in the skin that are usually very small, and go unnoticed by pet owners. These bites push nasty bacteria deep into the muscle layers beneath which become trapped as the skin heals over. The bacteria then multiply and cause an infection. Swelling and pain around the area is common and is caused by a build up of pus. These swellings can grow very quickly and will usually burst if left unattended, leaving a gaping bloody hole behind. These nasty wounds can make your pet very flat, cause tissue death

in large areas around the burst abscess and generally make your cat very unhappy.

Treatment for an abscess can vary, but usually will reflect how far along the infection is. If the pet is brought in when there is early stage swelling, sometimes all they need is an antibiotic and anti-inflammatory injection. In more serious cases, the abscess may need to be lanced and drained under anaesthetic, and sometimes may even require surgical intervention.

A genuine concern following any cat fight is the risk that that cat has then contracted Feline Immunodeficiency Virus (FIV) which can lead to a premature death from Feline AIDS. FIV is passed in saliva from an infected cat to another, so cat bites are the most obvious source of transmission. With increased numbers of cats being found to be infected by this disease in the southern suburbs, the likelihood of infection is sadly on the rise. If your cat spends time outside and has had a wound from cat fights before, it is advisable to consider a blood test two to three months following the abscess to test if they have contracted FIV. Also, if your pet will be spending time outside please consider vaccinating against this fatal disease. Contact the clinic if you would like more information about this.

Pre Anaesthetic Blood Tests—A brief run down

If your pet has had to undergo any procedure at our clinic, our vets may have suggested they undergo a Pre-Anaesthetic Blood profile, but what exactly is this for?

While every pet receives a physical examination, some abnormalities may not show symptoms that can be felt or seen. This blood test is performed prior to surgery. A small sample of blood is taken, usually from your pet's front leg, then using our in-house pathology laboratory to assess their overall health in regards to major organs such as the kidneys and liver. These organs both play a vital role in your pet's recovery from sedation or anaesthesia therefore making it essential they are functioning properly. If the blood test shows abnormalities, we may have to change our anaesthetic protocol to ensure their ongoing health.

Pre-anaesthetic blood tests can reduce the risk of unforeseen surgical complications, and problems with recovery. If you would like to know more about these blood profiles, please contact the clinic for more information.



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR PUPPY PLAYSCHOOL GRADUATES!



Graduates from June (L to R)
Cathy, Jack with Chester; Andrew, Karen with Riley; Nathan, Catherine with Bailly; Dem with Boss; Sandy, Chris with Amber.



Graduates from July (L to R)
Brian, Betty with Zena; Lauren with Indy; Barbara with Tawny; Gavin, Brianna with Marci.



Graduates from August (L to R)
Sarah & Leigh with Barney; Scott with Harvey; Mascha, Jade, Zoe and Anna with Cleo; Kristy with Buddy; Carol with Ruby.