



# OLD REYNELLA VETERINARY CLINIC Newsletter—SUMMER 2015

**Welcome...** Summer has arrived with a bang! Please find our Christmas opening hours in this newsletter, and be aware that Dr. Michael will be away from December 24th and back on Saturday 2nd January in order to celebrate Christmas with his family in Perth.

During this time, Dr. Hazel will be consulting full time.

Hazel will then be having some time off from January 20th and back to consult on Friday 5th February.

In this issue we welcome back an old face who you may recognize, and introduce a new one to the team; and we share the risks of high fat diets and treats in dogs.

*The Old Reynella team would like to wish you and your family (both four legged and two) a happy and safe festive season.*



## Clinic hours during the Festive Season:

Christmas Eve, Thursday 24th

December— 8am to 5pm

**CLOSED From FRIDAY 25th to MONDAY 28th DECEMBER**

Reopen for normal business hours on Tuesday 29th December

New Years Eve, Thursday 31st

December—8am to 5pm

**CLOSED FRIDAY 1ST JANUARY.**

Reopen for normal business hours on Saturday 2nd January.

## Guess who's back...

Some of you might remember this face... welcome back Lauren!

Lauren has been with the Old Reynella practice since Dr. Ron Baker owned the clinic, and vet nursed for us for eight years (with a break for having her youngest son). Four years ago she decided to try her hand at human nursing at the Woman's and Children's Hospital. She has had four wonderful years working there, but has decided to come back to her first true love and passion—working with animals.

Along for the ride is her new Cavalier King Charles Spaniel puppy, Winnie (pictured).

The team are thrilled to have her back, so make sure you give a special warm welcome to our wonderful old / new team member the next time you pop by the clinic!



## Guess who's new...

We would like to welcome a new vet to our dynamic team—Dr. Quinn.

Quinn dreamed of being a vet since he was 7 years old, but it was only after losing a close family pet in his mid-twenties, he took the plunge and started his studies.

He met his future wife in his first year when they worked together taking blood from a sheep! They were recently married and bought their first home in the southern suburbs.

Outside of work, Quinn enjoys renovating, playing card games with family and friends, and has two rescue pets—a Cattle Dog X named Molly (pictured here) and a domestic cat named Penny.

If you pop by the practice, don't forget to say hi! Quinn starts with us in January.



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**OPENING HOURS:**

Monday to Friday: 8am—7pm

Saturday: 8:30am—4pm

Sunday and Public Holidays: **CLOSED**





## Think twice before feeding that sausage to your dog...

Summer is the time of the year when friends get together, we enjoy BBQ's, the beach and the daylight savings late afternoons.

This is also a very common time for us to see many unwell patients suffering from a condition called pancreatitis, put in simple terms; an inflammation of the pancreas. It can be caused by a number of different things, however there is a very strong link between diets high in fat and fatty treats (such as sausages and marrowbones.) Symptoms can include an upset tummy, vomiting and diarrhoea, pain in the abdomen and even death.

The problem with this disease is it can be acute—so it comes on suddenly after a fatty treat (such as a sausage or marrowbone) or it can be chronic, where a pet is fed fatty food constantly and can simmer away for years before it is diagnosed. Treatment can be difficult with many pets requiring long term hospitalization.

After diagnosis and treatment, pets that have a

confirmed case of pancreatitis will need a complete dietary overhaul. No more fatty treats and bones, instead all patients need to go on to a highly specialised prescription diet. In many cases pets often have a relapse as owners find it challenging to resist giving their pets rich food.

So when you have family and friends around enjoying a BBQ this summer, ask them to resist sneaking those fatty leftovers to your dog—it could cost your pooch more than they might realise!



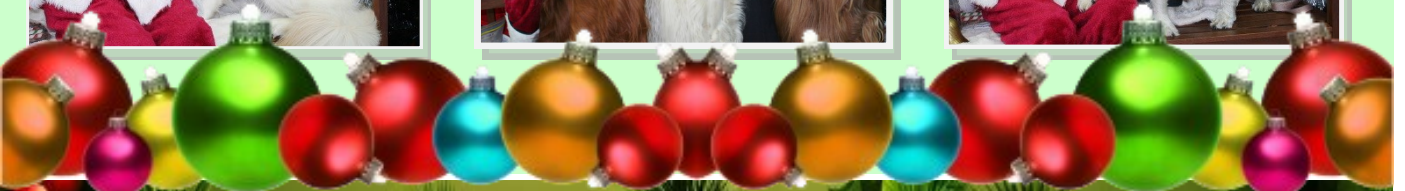
**Congratulations  
to all our puppy  
school  
graduates...**



## Santa arrived early this year...

*This year, Santa took the time out of his busy schedule to see which of our patients has been naughty and who have been nice. In turn, we raised over \$150 for the Animal Welfare League!*

*Santa loves coming to see us so much, that he's decided to come back again next year! Yay! Thanks to everyone who come along and made it such a fun day. Merry Christmas!*



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