



OLD REYNELLA VETERINARY CLINIC

Newsletter — WINTER 2015

Welcome...

Brrrrr Winter is here, where did the warm weather go....?

Welcome to the Winter newsletter for 2015! We hope it finds you and your furry family snug and warm.

We apologise for the lateness of this issue, Kylie one of our nursing team recently ended up in hospital for emergency surgery. She is doing well, but as she is our newsletter guru, it has put this release back by a few weeks! Get well soon Kylie!

Also, the vet roster has changed over to our winter cycle, with the recommencement of Michael's soccer season. This means Hazel will now be working every Saturday, and some of their consultation days during the week have switched. We hope this does not inconvenience anyone. If you have a preference for either Michael or Hazel, just let the nurses know when you book in.

This issue features a very lucky pooch Zoe, who had a run in with a kebab stick, and we also introduce our new puppy school trainers, Ashwin and Sophie. Finally we have a new section called 'Staff Stories' which we hope to have every issue.

As always, if you would like to see anything in our newsletter, contact the clinic.

The team from the Old Reynella Vet Clinic.



When is a lump not a lump?



Zoe is a beautiful Doberman x who is a new patient to our clinic. She presented to us recently with a large lump on the side of her chest, decreased appetite and weight loss. After being seen at other vet clinics and having courses of antibiotics, the large lump would shrink initially, but then continue to grow larger while Zoe continued to lose weight. Hazel, with the

permission of Zoe's owner decided to anaesthetise Zoe and perform a biopsy on the lump to find out what it was, and why it would not go away!

Once under an anaesthetic, Hazel took xrays to see if the lump was in any way involved with Zoe's ribs and deeper tissues. Finding that it wasn't, Hazel took a sample and found the lump was filled with pus! It was not a lump

but rather a large abscess!

Hazel lanced the abscess, and deep in the middle of it was the end of a kebab stick.... Hazel pulled on it, and the full 15cm long stick slid out from Zoe's abdomen! A drain was placed deep into the abscess to help drain all of the infected material from the lump.

After this startling revelation, with further permission from Zoe's mum, Hazel opened the abdomen up to ensure the lucky Doberman x did not have a further infection taking place inside. Thankfully she did not. Zoe was stitched up and woke up without incident from her surgery.

After her procedure, Zoe stayed overnight with us, and returned home the following day. Before long, the lump went down, the drain was removed, and Zoe returned to her normal bouncy self, eating better and gaining weight.

Please always exercise caution when having kebabs in your house!



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Puppy Playschool...

Starting your new addition the right way...

Having a new puppy in the family is so exciting! They bring unexpected joy to everyone involved, but with it, they can also bring naughty habits. Learning about the best ways to deal with these habits is one of the many reasons it's beneficial to attend our Puppy Playschool classes.

Traditional methods of training your puppy have become outdated, and are at times cruel. To keep up with the latest scientific advancements in companion dog training we have introduced two new trainers to our staff, Sophie and Ashwin! Alongside our amazing nursing staff, they will be teaching our puppies and their parents the best ways forward for their new additions. They will also be offering intermediate and more advanced training classes and will be our first point of call for managing problem behaviours in older dogs too.

Introducing Sophie... Sophie has always been a passionate dog lover, her greatest love being her dog Toby who inspired her to complete an Animal Science degree and enter into dog training and behaviour. Currently she is working towards the Delta Certificate IV to become a qualified Delta Society CGC Instructor. Sophie enjoys meeting all the clients and their puppies and providing current, scientifically-based behaviour and training advice.



Left to Right; Sara and Dwayne with Maple, Maddi and Joanne with Tilly, Hannah with Ellie.



Left to Right; Amy with Jack, Libby and Emily with Paddington, Danny and Tessa with Maddi, Tiffany and Lee with Sheena.



Left to Right; Kaitlin and Luke with Riley, Maxine with Sooty, Rachel and David with Marley, Bonnie and Rick with Dingo.

Staff Stories

With the arrival of winter, the soccer season is once more in full swing. This results in a switch of our vet roster, as Michael starts playing every Saturday for the next few months.

Michael is a keen sportsman; soccer being one of the many active hobbies he pursues. He plays for the Mercedes Old Scholars Team as well as participating in indoor soccer as well!

Good luck for this season Woody!



Introducing Ashwin... Ashwin has spent years studying and researching dog behaviour. He has a degree in Animal Science with an honours research project in dog behaviour and temperament, and its effect on owner-dog relationships. He has a love for all companion animals and a keen interest in their behaviour. Ashwin has been training for two years and he is currently finishing his Delta Certificate IV to become a qualified Delta Society CGC Instructor.

So for all things canine behaviour related, be sure to contact the clinic for more information about these two talented training superstars!