



OLD REYNELLA VETERINARY CLINIC NEWSLETTER

Winter 2017

Welcome to Winter...

Winter is upon us again, and with it comes all the luxuries of roast dinners and snuggling together with your pets under the blankets! Yay! Unless your dog happens to be Cooper (Bekki's English Sheepdog, pictured right) This issue shares some boredom busting ideas to entertain your four legged friends when it's too wet to go outside; we give you all the info you need before putting your pet into boarding, and we share our first in a series of staff pet profiles. Thanks for taking the time to check out our seasonal newsletter!



The Team from the Old Reynella Vet Clinic

NEW FEATURE,

Meet our pets!

Coming up over the next several newsletters, we want to take the opportunity to introduce you to our four legged friends—we care for yours fur babies, and now you can meet ours!

Names: Winnie (right) and Chester (left)

Belong to: Lauren, Vet Nurse

Ages: Winnie is just over 18 months and Chester is 10 months old.

Breeds: Both are Cavalier King Charles Spaniels

About Winnie: Winnie was a gun at agility as part of her doggy training. In fact, she liked it so much, Lauren is planning to do more classes specializing in it! Winnie also likes to assist in the gardening; she loves to bite the water as it comes out from

the hose!

About Chester: Chester's favourite activity is to destroy toilet rolls! Unlike his more sedate older sister, Chester is a little firecracker who likes to pull the fluff out of toys, slide down the ramp from his bed upside down and Bork! Bork! At his sister!

But most of all, both Winnie and Chester (named after the Winchester Brothers from Supernatural) like nothing more than having a snuggle on the couch, or keeping Lauren warm in bed at night!



Congrats to our
Puppy Schoolers!

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Winter Boredom Busters

With the arrival of colder and rainier weather it gets hard to motivate yourself to exercise your pets. It would interest you to know that activating your pets mind for a half an hour is just as tiring as going for that spin around the block!

Bearing that in mind, we thought we would provide you with some games you can try at home to entertain your four legged friends, for when it's too cold to head outside.

Dogs:

Try stuffing a Kong or some other treat ball—there's stacks of recipes online. The more you put in there, the longer it will last!



Puzzle games are widely available now. Try hiding different treats in each section.

Make a snuffle mat—a super easy DIY toy that can be used to hide treats inside and provide literally hours of fun for your pooch.



Cats:

Everyone who has access to the internet knows that cats love boxes. So grab some boxes of varying sizes and keep them in the house for your feline friend.



Cat scratching posts provide enrichment all year round. They provide somewhere safe for your cat to rest, and you can hide their food on the varying levels to make them exercise. Its important to buy the tallest cat pole you can afford, as they prefer to be up high.



Holiday Time—what you need to know if you need to board your pet

While it doesn't always happen, sometimes pet owners are late vaccinating their pets. This can become an issue if an owner is ever wanting to put them into a boarding facility, whether it be for holidays or for a family emergency.

We thought we would take this opportunity to let you know that when boarding your pet in a kennel or cattery vaccinations **MUST** be given two weeks prior to boarding to allow their immune system ample time to protect them. If cats are overdue for vaccination they may even require two injections given 3-4 weeks apart to make them safe for a cattery.

For dogs who have not been getting the C5 vaccination which covers Parvo, Distemper, Hepatitis and two types of Canine Cough, will not be able to enter a boarding facility either!

So if you are planning a trip away later this year, don't forget to check that your pet's are up to date with vaccinations. We are inundated with phone calls during the warmer months for people who wish to board their pet and can't because they have failed to maintain their pets vaccinations. Don't get caught out!



COLOUR RUN FUN—GO PAW POWER!!

In May we took part in the Colour Run, and had a great time getting turned into colourful unicorns! Thanks to everyone who entered our team naming competition on Facebook and came up with PAW POWER!

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