



OLD REYNELLA VETERINARY CLINIC NEWSLETTER WINTER 2016

Welcome...

Winter is here... we hope you are keeping snug, and your fluffy friends are too.

In this issue, we meet our new team members, and farewell one of our long standing nurses; we let you know the changes to the rabbit vaccination schedule, and we introduce a brand new product in the fight against joint disease in dogs.

As always, if you would like to see something covered in our newsletters, please contact the clinic.

The team from the Old Reynella Vet...



... In with the new ...

Welcome to our new vet, Samantha, also known as Sam! Sam has come to us from working north of Adelaide, but has jumped at the chance to work somewhere a little closer to home. Sam decided to be a vet from a young age; her Year One journals were filled with pictures and writing about being a Vet!! Sam has a gorgeous three year old Husky called Diesel, and a six month old domestic cat named Charlie (pictured).



... team members ...

Bek has been a fully qualified Vet Nurse for 18 months, and is coming to us from another clinic where she has been working as a Vet Nurse Assistant. Bek has a keen interest in getting more hands on experience in Surgery and Dentistry, and has just adopted a beautiful Old English Sheep dog puppy named Cooper (pictured). Make sure you say a big welcome next time you visit!



... and farewell to ...

And finally, some of the saddest news is that Jenna (affectionately known as Jen-Jen) is leaving! After ten years of service and a history of good times and laughs, Jenna has decided to move on to something different. Jenna has worked with us since she left school and started as a Kennel Hand in 2006. We wish her all the very best and say a big thankyou as Jenna completes her time here with our team.



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Saturday: 8:30am—4pm

Sunday and Public Holidays: **CLOSED**



Changes to Bunny Vaccines...

Recently there has been reports that a new strain of Calicivirus has been discovered in Southern Adelaide.

While it does not pose a risk to human health, Biosecurity SA said the impact of the virus on pet rabbits was high and can cause death.

SA researchers have found the virus is airborne and is spread by wild rabbits, migratory birds, on clothing and hands and by insects such as flies, mosquitos and fleas. The virus can survive in the infected environment for up to 200 days.

It is recommended pets be kept in insect proof enclosures to prevent further spread of the disease. They have also been warned to update their vaccinations, although veterinarians say existing vaccinations are not always successful against new virus strains.

The Australian Veterinary Association also released a warning to vets across the country. While the virus in most cases does **not** reveal signs of illness before death,

there were some symptoms owners could look out for, including lethargy, soft mucous droppings, and being off their food. Only laboratory testing can confirm the diagnosis, but unfortunately this will often be too late.

How you can protect your bunny:

- **Insect control** — don't allow flies to come into contact

with your rabbit. Being inside should be protective, but if they have an outside hutch, invest in some fly mesh and attach it. If you hang insecticidal pest strips nearby, read directions carefully as they can be toxic.

- **Vaccination** — although less effective, vaccination is still very

helpful. It is now recommended to vaccinate kits at four weeks, then at eight weeks, and again at 12 weeks or later, followed by *six-monthly* vaccinations (where before it was only annually)

- **No access to gardens or garden clippings** — the virus is probably being spread by flies leaving droppings and spots on foodstuff and housing. Keep your bunny inside and only feed commercially grown hay, pellets and vegies.



New product to help canine arthritis sufferers...

Hills Pet Nutrition has launched a new product for dogs suffering from arthritis... Introducing Hills Metabolic and Mobility support.

It's common for pets who are suffering from arthritis to also be overweight due to reduced exercise. Conversely, overweight pets are more likely to develop early onset arthritis.

The new Metabolic and Mobility support food is clinically proven to activate your dog's metabolism, bringing about healthy weight loss. It also provides clinically proven joint support through the presence of omega fatty acids, chondroitin and

L-carnitine. Get your pooch mobile and burning that weight off in as little as 21 days! Contact the clinic for more information.



Congrats to our Puppy School graduates!

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