



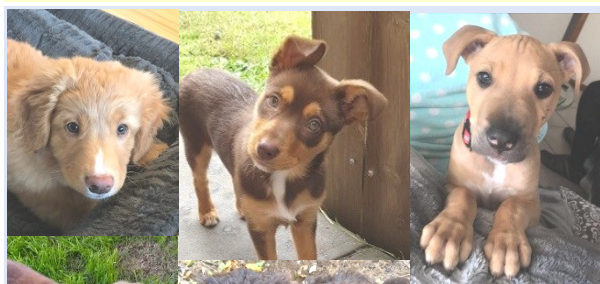
Spring 2018

Welcome... Spring is here and it's bringing a smile to all our pets faces... or a sneeze! This issue introduces our three new staff members, Emma, Jasmin and Emma (not a typo!) and farewells one of our golden oldies, Lauren. With hay fever season in full swing we talk about the use of antihistamines in dogs, and we share another round of successful puppy schoolers.

Don't forget you can now book online for your pet's appointments (with the exception of surgery). Should you need to make an appointment, please follow the link on our website, or via our Facebook page. Congratulations to The Marquis Family who won last newsletter's online booking competition.

Thank you and we'll see you soon,

The Team from the Old Reynella Vet.



**Congratulations to
our beautiful
Puppy Schoolers**

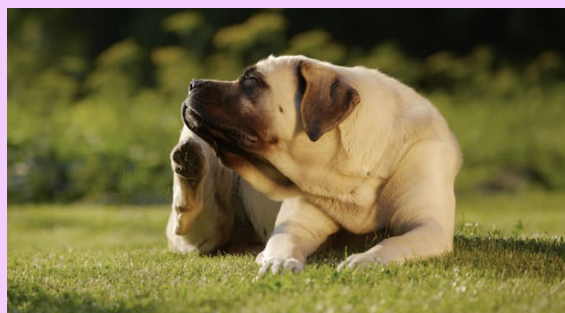
The use of home remedies in itchy dogs.

As we approach 'itchy' season for many allergic dogs, there is a lot of misinformation available on the internet about the effectiveness of human antihistamines and other alternatives in the treatment of allergic skin disease in dogs.

Unfortunately, many owners will attempt at home remedies first before coming to the vet—some as many as fifteen different options! Many of these will prove ineffective over the long term and often complicate the treatment once the pet eventually visits the clinic.

There can be some value in antihistamine use in pets but it is dependent upon a number of factors, and usually they must be used in conjunction with other prescription medications. Ultimately, the underlying cause should be evaluated before using any treatments at home.

If your dog is an 'itchy' dog, please contact the clinic before using an *at home* alternative. Our helpful staff will be able to let you know where to start your pet's treatment. It may not necessarily require a consultation, but our trained staff will know what to look for in a pet that needs help.



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Emma

Emma is our new nurse who has been working in a larger hospital for three years prior to joining us. She made the choice to shift to a smaller practice for the opportunity to build closer relationships with clients and their pets. Prior to veterinary nursing, Emma also completed a laboratory technician position, and worked for Adelaide University looking after a colony of one thousand rats!

Emma owns two dogs; 10yo Lady and 7yo Tibby and a 2yo cat called Steven who was raised from a few days old. Tibby assisted in raising Steven; she would help toilet and groom him when he was tiny, and stood guard when Lady would get a little over excited. Consequently, while Steven looks like a cat, he thinks he is a dog too! Lady, Tibby and Steven get up to mischief and earned the nickname 'The 3 Muskateers'. Emma works full time, so make sure when you pop in say hi!

Jasmin is another of our fresh faces who has joined us here at Old Reynella. Prior to this, she has been working in Doggy Day Care and Grooming and also administration roles. Jasmin has had a desire to be a veterinary nurse since she was little and has completed her animal studies certificate. She is very excited to enroll in Veterinary Nursing next.

Jasmin has an 18 month old Boxer named Luna who is a little bit bonkers but adorable nonetheless. She also has two cats: 12yo Princess and 3yo Pepper. They all live together quite happily until Luna gets it into her mind that she would like to play, in which case Princess and Pepper have to dive and take cover! Jasmin is working with us part-time, so make sure you welcome her to the clinic.



Jasmin



Emma

Our final staff member is Emma Turner, a keen junior who has wanted to be a vet nurse her whole life. She recently worked in a book store while studying to complete her animal studies certificate. She has enrolled for next year for her Veterinary Nursing certificate and enjoys meeting clients and their pets and putting a smile on their face.

She has a mixed pet household including two cats: Bella, 11yo Domestic Long Hair naughty Tortoiseshell, and 17yo Misty. She also has Ross, a 9yo Border Collie and Ash a 3yo Bearded Dragon. She has many stories about her pets, but the sweetest is Bella who likes to suckle on Emma's ear when she's relaxing and having a cuddle. Emma has joined us part time, so be sure to give her a big smile and hello when you see her!

For those who may remember; Lauren started nursing with us in 2005. Coming from a pet shop background, she sported a bright and bubbly personality and a love of animals. In 2012 she tried human nursing but her true love of veterinary nursing won over and she returned to our team in 2015. Since then Lauren has completed her Veterinary Nursing Qualifications and has a passion for the surgical aspect of the job. This newly discovered hunger for complex surgical cases has lead Lauren to search for new opportunities leading her to the Veterinary Referral Centre at Kurralta Park. We will miss her bright personality and laughter at the front desk, and her dedication to the patients of Old Reynella Vet.



Good Luck Lauren

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