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Welcome to the new Autumn 2021 Newsletter.

This issue we farewell (sort of) one of our vet team; and introduce our new vet and nurse who will be starting with us in April.

We also share some important updates regarding the Brown Dog Tick virus and Canine Cough Cases that have been mentioned in the media.

Lastly, we share this beautiful photo from our nurse Bekki's wedding, and the handsome men in her life (L to R): Cooper, Peter and Murphy

X O X O, The Old Reynella Vet Team



Farewell Dr. Q...

It is with sadness that we announce that one of our fantastic team of vets will be dramatically reducing his consult hours with us to return to university to study a PhD. Dr. Quinn has received a substantial grant to expand research into parasitology in production animals and will be spending the next four years at the University of Adelaide's state of the art laboratories in the city.

Dr. Quinn will only be available for consultation from 9am till 1pm on alternating Saturdays.

We want to thank Dr. Quinn for his immense knowledge and empathy clients have experienced from him over the past four years and wish him success in the coming challenges ahead.



Welcome Dr. Dylan!

Doctor Dylan joins our team in March. He graduated from Roseworthy in 2018. Dr. Dylan grew up in the Southern Suburbs of Adelaide, only 5 minutes away from the Old Reynella Clinic. He has a little Chihuahua called Minnie who he adopted a few years ago.

Dr. Dylan's favourite aspect of being a vet is communicating and working collaboratively with clients to make the best treatment and preventative plans for their pets. His favourite hobby is holiday planning to fulfil his love for travel and different cultures. Pre-COVID, Dr. Dylan has travelled to the Pacific Islands, New Zealand, Japan and South East Asia; and has many more places on his 'must see' list. Outside of work, Dr. Dylan enjoys reading, cooking, spending time with family and friends, going to a football game, and binging the latest Netflix series.



Welcome Alison!

Alison is our newest vet nurse who has been in the industry over 20 years with a brief pause for children. Alison has joined our team to share her love of animals and passion for vet nursing and client relations. Her favourite experiences as a veterinary nurse has been participating in caesarians as part of a surgical team.

Outside of work Alison loves walking her dog Dudley or having a cuddle with her black and white domestic cat Mo. She also enjoys camping and holidaying with family, and hitting up the wineries with friends. So next time you pop by the clinic, be sure to say hi!



Brown Dog Tick-borne disease Ehrlichia canis.

Due to recent media exposure, we have had contact from concerned clients regarding the risk of *E. canis* being contracted by their dogs, and the risk of Brown Dog Ticks in the Southern Suburbs.

Below is a summary of the recent announcement from the Vet Surgeons Board of SA.

- *E. canis* was detected in Brown Dog Ticks collected from two dogs in two locations in the APY lands in January 2021. This is the first detection of *E. canis* in South Australia.
- The APY lands are situated north of Yalata on the western coast of South Australia, include Coober Pedy and cross the border to cover much of central Western Australia and the Northern Territory.
- Widespread surveillance north of Port Augusta (where ticks are more abundant) have not led to any other positive detections of infection with *E. canis* in South Australia so far.
- Transmission occurs only via an infected tick biting a dog. Dog to Dog transmission does not occur.
- Dogs with a recent travel history to northern SA, or other northern tropical and subtropical regions of Australia are at highest risk of exposure.
- Severity of disease can vary considerably among dogs and may take years to manifest depending upon the severity of the infection. Signs can include anaemia, bleeding episodes, lameness, eye problems, neurological problems, and swollen limbs.
- Humans cannot contract *E. canis* from infected dogs but can contract the disease directly from tick bites. See [SA's Department of Health website](#) for information on human health implications, as well as tick prevention measures.

In summary, the risk of your dog contracting *E. canis* in the southern suburbs of Adelaide is almost zero. However, it is advised to ensure that your chosen parasite control does cover for Ticks and that you check them over thoroughly should you walk them in dense scrub areas, or travel with them into affected areas. Our clinic recommends the use of either Nexgard Spectra, or Bravecto.



News Update: Canine Cough Cases in the Media

Following the media coverage of a spike in Canine Cough cases (formally known as Kennel Cough), we wanted to share some info should you have any concerns about the risks to your pet.

Canine Cough has both viral and bacterial strains. It is usually passed via saliva and nasal droplets that become aerosolized from infected individuals through coughing, sneezing and proximity. It is highly infectious, and readily passes from dog to dog with symptoms developing 3-14 days after exposure. Your dog does not need to spend time in a kennel to be infected; it can be passed at the park or the beach just as easily.

Most pets are vaccinated annually against this very common disease. The vaccine is not 100% effective in preventing infection, however the symptoms are far less likely to cause significant illness and usually pass without issue. Occasionally your dog may require a course of antibiotics and bed rest for a few days.



Symptoms of Canine Cough can include a dry, hacking cough; gagging or vomiting after excitement or food; excessive eye and nasal discharge; sneezing, snorting, fever, and lethargy. In some cases, Canine Cough can lead to more serious and deadly complications such as pneumonia.

If your dog visits us annually for their health check and vaccine, they should be all up to date with their Canine Cough vaccination. If you are unsure, please contact the clinic and we can check your pet's records.



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