



WoofPurNay Veterinary Hospital Newsletter

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Imagine having everything you want and need for your pet's wellbeing in one location...
At WoofPurNay our aim is to deliver exactly that.

Our facilities and services include:

- **24 HOUR EMERGENCY SERVICE & INTENSIVE CARE**
- Routine veterinary consultations, vaccinations and microchipping.
- Large and Small Animal surgical facilities; elective & specialised.
- In-house diagnostics; pathology, ultrasonography, radiology, endoscopy.
- Equine Surgery Specialist
- Grooming
- Boarding
- Canine Myofunctional Therapy
- Dog Training from puppies to advanced.
- Canine behavioural specialist consultations.
- Pet food & supplies
- Overhead surgery viewing areas
- Conference Room for hire
- Kids Club
- Hydrotherapy



And most importantly great vets and nurses who really care!

If you've never been right through the clinic, feel free to ask for a tour!



Veterinary Clinic & Hospital - Narre Warren North, Victoria, Australia


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Calander of Events:

- **31st July: Equine Expo**
- **August: Kids Club Day**
- **Limited offers:**
- **\$10 off Iams Cat Food**
- **Free 3kg Bag of Eukanuba with every Multi-Pass swim purchase.**
- **20% off Aged dog check up & opportunity for FREE assessment with Muscle Therapist.**



What's new at WoofPurNay:

- WoofPurNay is running an Equine Expo & Foal Seminar on the 31st of July. This will be a great opportunity to get some information about our Equine friends. Topics include: Seminars on foaling, Artificial Insemination, The Impending Birth, Foal Limb Deformities and more. These will be run throughout the day. There will be demonstrations from Peter Horobin Saddlery, show bags and lots of stalls to check out. **FREE entry to both the Expo & Seminars**, however, spaces for the seminar are limited so please contact the clinic to RSVP. (03)9796-8266
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- Look out for Georgie in the Pool area. Georgie is WoofPurNays's newest pool staff member working Fridays 10am til 8pm. Don't forget our hydrotherapy pool is available 7 days a week.
 - WoofPurNay has an Equine Surgery Specialist, Dr Robyn Charman, available anytime by referral and for Specialist Opinions on Thursdays & Fridays.
 - Dr Rowan Blogg, Small Animal Eye Specialist, is now available for consultation.
 - WoofPurNay has our own Canine Myofunctional Therapist, Monika Alston. Monika is available for consultations on Thursdays.
 - The Australian College of Applied Animal Studies (ACAAS) has successfully begun teaching Certificate II in Animal Studies, Certificate IV in Veterinary Nursing and Certificate II in Equine Industry. ACAAS is based at WoofPurNay and educates students in conjunction with WoofPurNay Veterinary Hospital. There are still some places available; for more information contact the clinic on (03)9796-8266 and ask for Liz Hoffman.





The wet, cold, and frosty times that come with winter often have a detrimental impact on the aged among us, and our canine companions are no different. The cold tends to affect dogs in much the same way as it does humans. Arthritic dogs can become stiff, sore and inactive giving way to further ailments.

Common Issues for Aged Pets include:

- Arthritis
- Dental disease or periodontitis
- Weight loss / Weight gain
- Increase / Decrease in appetite
- Drinking more

For more information about your senior dog visit:

<http://www.mvol.com.au/woofpurnayvet/senior-dog.html>

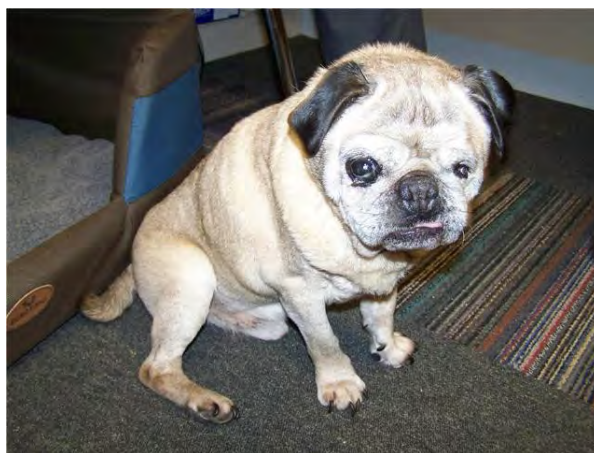
For the months of July and August WoofPurNay is offering dogs over the age of seven years a **20% discount off an Aged Dog Consultation** and an opportunity for a **free muscle assessment** with WoofPurNay's Canine Myofunctional Therapist, Monika Alston. During this free session Monika will work to assess each dog's structural health and provide advice accordingly.

If you have an older dog that could benefit from this service you can get in contact with the clinic on 9796 8266. (This service is subject to availability).

Sherman the 11 year old Pug



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MEET 'HONEY'

'Honey' is a 19 year old Palamino mare. She was admitted to our Equine Hospital after being referred by a Veterinarian with colic on Sunday 2nd of July.

'Honey' ended up needing surgery and was found to have a pedunculated lipoma. This is a fatty tumor which grows from the gut wall developing a long vascular pedicle which unfortunately enables it to move freely and occasionally wrap around a piece of intestine 'strangling' it.

Fortunately we got to this in time, before the piece of gut was damaged beyond repair. 'Honey' recovered well from her surgery.

Not bad for a 19yr old!!

'Honey' one day after surgery



'Honey' three days after surgery



Colic is defined as abdominal pain, but it is a clinical sign rather than a diagnosis.

There are a lot of different causes of colic;

Worms, sand, adhesions, impactions, displacements, enteritis and gastric ulceration (stomach ulcers) to name a few. In any case colic is a potentially fatal condition and needs to be taken very seriously. If your horse shows any signs of colic (rolling, stomach / flank watching, pawing at the ground) or any other signs of discomfort, contact the clinic immediately.



Pet Insurance

Many people are unaware that they can buy private health insurance for their pets. Veterinary costs are always covered by the owner as there are no government subsidies for pet health problems. In the case of an unexpected accident, injury or illness it can be difficult to budget for veterinary expenses. Pet health insurance can often cover most of the veterinary costs, depending on the type of policy held.

For the vet treating your animal, sometimes insurance can mean the difference between being able to perform the best possible treatment for your pet and attempting a less desirable but less expensive treatment. It may enable the Veterinarian to perform more diagnostic tests to find out exactly what the problem is, rather than attempting treatment without an accurate diagnosis.

There are many different companies that provide pet health insurance, and like other forms of insurance we recommend that you research the policy thoroughly. Most policies cover accidents, injuries and illnesses, but some only cover injuries and accidents. Many will not cover your pet for a problem if it is considered pre-existing (eg. inherited problems or old injuries that your pet has been suffering from since a puppy / kitten).

Different policies have different cut-off ages for how old your dog can be to get and maintain cover, therefore the best time to insure your pet is when they are young and healthy, before they have time to develop any illnesses or injuries. However, insuring them at any age is always recommended. The internet is a good resource for researching the various companies that provide Pet Insurance. We recommend contacting the companies you are interested in for specific advice.

It is usually much easier to budget for your monthly or yearly pet insurance premium than for unexpected problems!



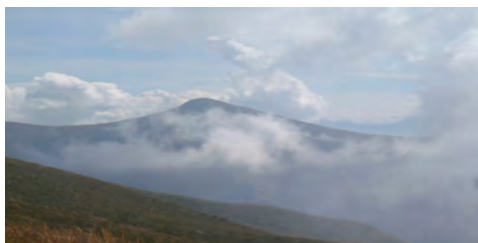


KELLY & ROBBIE MCKAY'S TRIP AROUND SOUTH AMERICA

For those who don't know, Kelly McKay is WoofPurNay's Practice Manager of 13 years. Her husband Robert McKay is our Hydrotherapy Manager. Kelly & Robbie have taken their Long Service Leave to travel around South America.

After a rough start with flight changes, some interesting travel experiences and accommodation arrangements, they finally made it to Quito. One week later they are now at the Amazon River.

Teleferiqo Quito:



Congratulations to Elise and Josh on Cailin's 1st birthday. Elise is one of our Receptionists and teaches our Certificate II Animal Studies students.



Cailin can often be seen around the clinic with a big smile on her face, just like her mum!



Birthdays: A Happy Birthday to Dr Robyn Charman on the 26th of July.



ACAAS (*Australian College of Applied Animal Studies*) has just completed It's first Semester!

We have three groups of students: For any information contact Liz Hoffman 9796-8266.

Vet Nursing

Dr Michelle Hunt is the main Vet involved in Vet Nursing. Students do Theory on Thursdays and work as part of the clinic – on a roster basis – during the rest of the week. There are only 5 students accepted at any intake- and Melissa, Tawny, Adrian, Michelle and Kelly are having a ball! Irma starts this Semester! - WELCOME



Animal Studies

Elise Gibbs leads the Vet in Schools Animal studies group! We have 10 students in this course doing Vet in Schools – from local Secondary Schools. They spend 7 hours a day each fortnight working at WoofPurNay – learning basic Animal Care skills – and doing some theory. Elise does a mighty job and if you think you want to join us – apply!



Equine Industry

Deb Webb, our Equine Nursing **GURU** oversees the Equine Industry Students. These students are doing the subject as part of their VCE. Like the Animal Studies Students they spend seven hours a fortnight in the Equine Department at WPN, but have an additional theory session on a Wednesday afternoon.





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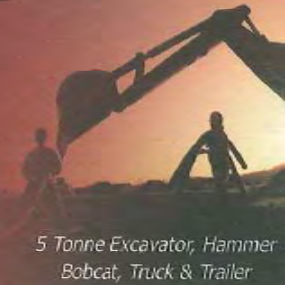
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