

Welcome to Winter.....

Winter is a quieter time of year for us so we work to fit in holidays and some of the many conferences on offer. After we attend conferences, we like to pass on the new knowledge to our staff and clients, so please come along to our client seminars to get our latest information. Since our last newsletter, the seasons have been much better, with the rains and the warmer weather helping a positive outlook going into the cooler months. While winter nights can be a bit chilly, nothing beats working outside in a fresh clean winters day with the sun on you.



Lyn shows Christy the computers

Is that Lyn Back at the Surgery? .

Yes. And no! Lyn has been prised out of retirement to help train Christy and our nurses in

some of the business processes at the surgery. So you will see her off and on as she helps things settle. Christy has come to us as a change from her career in the printing and graphic design industry, and their business Country Design and Print. We know Christy as a devoted animal lover, and hope to use her special expertise to enhance our business. Welcome Christy!

Our New Healthy Pets Package

Would you like to have unlimited free consultations for your pet for a year? Then our new Healthy Pets Package may be for you. The package includes the annual vaccinations, a comprehensive blood



We are helping keep Susie well with our Healthy Pets Package

health test, and substantial discounts on your products, food and any surgery. And unlimited veterinary consultations for your pet. It is a great alternative to pet insurance. Call in for a brochure and more details.



Solar power comes to NVS- now staff, clients and animals can enjoy air-conditioning without feeling guilty!!

Solar comes to the surgery.....

As this newsletter goes to print, we are installing an 80 panel solar array on our roof at the surgery.

The electricity generated will offset the power we use during the day with air conditioners, lights, fridges and all the computers. We take air conditioning for granted these days with the staff, clients and our boarding patients enjoying the heating and cooling it provides. The solar panels should pay for themselves in a few years and make us less guilty having the air conditioning on in the future.

Strangles threat in the SB.....

A positive culture of the Strangles bacteria (*Streptococcus equi* subsp *equi*) from a local sick horse has highlighted the benefit of vaccinating horses for strangles when also protecting them from Tetanus. Fortunately this case didn't spread to many neighbouring horses but shows how vulnerable horses are that compete in horse events locally. The horses symptoms also mimicked Hendra virus infection initially, bringing on an anxious time until the testing proved negative for Hendra. The recent cases at Bundaberg & Beenleigh showed that the virus is still around, with the treating vet Luke Annetts also having a stressful wait until the all clear three weeks later. Luke, a fellow endurance vet, is pictured below with Judy & Jon at a recent endurance ride at R.M. Williams' Eidsvold



Alpacas are great animals to work with. These photos are of Carla doing some ultrasonic pregnancy testing on alpacas.



property) Hendra vaccination is an effective prevention and the virus is found locally.

Endurance News

SB Endurance Riders ran a very successful series of rides at Blackbutt in early June. Next up, Jon is travelling to vet the week long Pioneer Trek



at Herberton, NQ before finishing off the year with rides at Biggenden & Kilkivan. It is a good sport.

Super - Chewsday Returns....

The decline in pasture quality in winter means that we see a lot more older horses with dental problems. They need their teeth to be chewing well and pain free to keep them in good condition. To make it easier for you to give your ponies an annual dental examination, we are bring back our Super Chewsday special: Only \$99 for a full equine dental



performance float, at the surgery on a Tuesday. Normally \$150, this represents a great saving, with the offer running only to the end of August. Horses need an annual dental for a healthy and pain free mouth.

More Seminars.

Following on from the success of our Exotic Pets and Hobby Farm seminars, we are planning two more in the next few months. On Tuesday 29th July we will be holding a horse seminar, bringing you some of the latest information from the Equine Vets Conference a few weeks earlier. Then on August 26th we will



Client seminars return to NVS:
Sam talking about guinea pigs to
an interested audience

cover Eye Problems in Pets after Jon attends the ASAVA conference with a special update on Pet Eye Problems. Then we plan a Beef Cattle night for 21st October. We enjoy these nights as they are an opportunity to explain important concepts and diseases to our clients, and they are a good reason for us to review and present talks on these topics. Seminars start at 7:00pm and end at 9:00pm with our Tim Tam supper. There is no fee, but it helps us with catering if you can RSVP beforehand. Everyone's welcome.

Wildlife treatment

We are happy to do free consultations on orphaned and injured wildlife to support community embers doing a fantastic job in this area. We have a policy of shared or discounted treatment after the initial consultation, with the carers being billed for any take



Jon preg testing some cows before winter, with Madeline,
a UQ vet student also gaining some cattle experience.

home drugs and equipment. If people are interested in supporting our work with wildlife, we have a fund that we use to cover some of our costs in going for more complex treatments on these animals. If you would like to contribute to this fund, our team would be very appreciative, and can inform you late where your donation was spent. Ask about it at our reception. .

Discounted Pet Desexing

For the three months of June, July and August, we are joining in the RSPCA promotion to reduce unwanted pets by offering a 20% discount on our normal desexing fees for dogs and cats, plus a 20% discount on micro-chipping and council is offering free registration. Plus there are some great prizes!!

Website information

Have you visited our website recently? We have completed a major refurbish with a lot more information for our clients. We are posting our quarterly Newsletter on the site, so you can read our news or download and print a copy. We have also posted a number of our condensed client information sheets on important local conditions, including Tick Paralysis, Snake Bite, Hendra Virus, Equine Dentals, Beef Cattle Management, Hyperthyroidism in Cats, and Storm Phobias in Pets. We hope they are useful.



Office Hours:

Weekdays 8:00am to 5:30pm

Saturdays 9:00am to 11:30am

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Congratulations to our Dr. Sam Webb, who has just completed her final assignments & exams for her Masters in Veterinary Studies. What a relief!!