

## Spring brings.....

Spring is that wonderful time of year when the cold days are left behind us and things start to grow. But along with cows calving, horse breeding, and all the animals getting more attention, we also get increases in ticks, fleas, flies, worms and then the snakes will get active!! Welcome to spring!

## Graduation Fever....

In early September, Dr Sam Morrow heads to Perth to her graduation ceremony for her Masters in Veterinary Studies from Murdoch University. Well done Sam!. (watch for a photo in next newsletter).

Larissa also heads to Brisbane for her own Cert II Vet Nursing graduation on Vet Nurse Day, October 27th. Well done Larissa!!



## Ticks Active Again....

The recent rains to start spring have meant an early start to the paralysis tick season. There seem to be a lot of bandicoots about and some cases with a lot of ticks. Tick antiserum is the best treatment ingredient and treatment should be sought early, as soon as the animal can't stand. Recently we connected piped oxygen to our isolation room as a quiet stress free site for tick patient recovery. We bubble this oxygen into pets through nasal tubes, an oxygen tent or through an active respirator for more severe patients. Remember, if you have a paralysed pet, we have a vet on call 24/7. Call in to the surgery for advice on the best prevention program to suit your pets, and circumstances. We expect the main tick season to last for the next three months. We have produced a tick information sheet that has most things you need to know about ticks, and you

can collect one at the surgery or download one from our website at [www.nanangovets.com.au](http://www.nanangovets.com.au).

## Seminar activity .....

After attending conferences, we like to pass on the latest ideas to our clients through seminars. We hope you enjoyed our two seminars since our last newsletter: Horses and Eyes in Pets, coming after Jon attended the equine and small animal seminars on the Gold Coast. Our horse seminar featured some talks on Fat Horses, Cushings Disease, Liver Disease, Laminitis, Dentistry, Reproduction, Hendra Virus and some new developments at NVS.



Our night on Eyes showed how a lot of eye conditions are breed related and so can be identified early. Some of our major diseases like PRA, cataracts, uveitis and glaucoma can be linked and identifying one earlier increases the chance to stop the others developing. We are very interested in eye



conditions and have a variety of instruments and equipment to help us treat your pet. A lot of the value in these talks is the explaining of complex problems into simple but interesting cases for you to understand. . Judging

by the responses of those who attended, we had lots of good information for people to take in. It gives us a great buzz to present the latest information to our clients as well as helping explain some new ideas to them.

## Upcoming Seminars.....

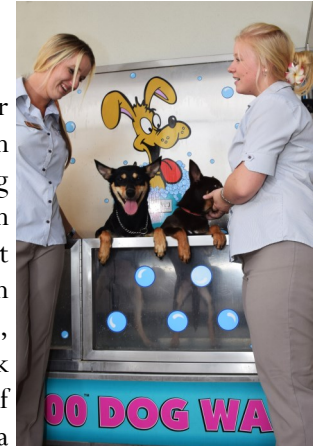
Cattle is our next seminar topic on October 15th, with a night on Pet Parasites on October 18th to cover Ticks, Fleas, Worms and Heartworm etc.

## Warming to Anaesthetics....

A behind the scenes improvement to our small animal anaesthetics is a Darvall air warmer that heats the air / oxygen mix from the anaesthetic machine keeping the patient warmer, especially in longer anaesthetics. We also have under table heating, a warm air blanket, and complex monitors to offer safe anaesthetics and rapid recoveries for our patients.

## Dogwash .....

The warmer weather makes it easier to wash your dog and we are seeing our coin-operated dogwash becoming more popular. It is very easy to use. Turn the dial to select shampoo, conditioner, flea and tick rinse, in a heated jet of water, then two levels of a heated blow dryer, leaving your dog fresh and clean. Good flea control needs weekly washes. And the dogs really enjoy the process. A disinfectant rinse cleans the dogwash for the next dog.



What happens when St Bernard Gemma lolls her huge tongue out one side of her mouth all the time? Her jaw becomes twisted in response! But that's a happy smile!!

## Spring Clips Along.....

The warmer weather has seen a lot of dogs coming in for grooming and to get rid of the overgrown winter coat. Our nurses enjoy pampering the dogs as they loose their locks, get their ears cleaned, nails clipped, and have a bath to leave them fresh, clean and flea free. Ask them for any special requirements.

## Danielle States Pony Club Skills .....

Danielle Strachan, our school-based trainee is an active member of Nanango Pony Club. She recently was selected to attend the Pony Club State Championships and performed with distinction in the Dressage and Combined Training disciplines. !



## New hope for overweight pets.....

Overweight pets suffer from a shorter poorer quality of life, as well as getting diseases like diabetes and arthritis similar to humans. And the numbers of overweight pets is increasing. Hills have released a new diet called Metabolic, that uses a complex system called Neutragenomics that is proving very effective in weight reduction programs. Ask our nurses about it and how to make your pet healthier.

## Bird News.....

As you probably know, Alex loves his birds and small pets. He has been doing a number of talks for the South Burnett Bird Keepers Assoc and has also been invited to address clubs at Caboolture and Hervey Bay. His talks have included Falcons, feather moulting and disease surveillance and prevention. He is a great local resource for bird fanciers, so please call him if you have a problem.



## Horse Breeding restarts.....

With the horse's birthday on the 1st August, early September is the start of the breeding season. We can support your natural or artificial breeding programs, as well as semen collection and processing. As well we can do an in-clinic test of absorbed colostral antibodies to ensure healthy foals . Our most important pregnancy testing time is 16 to 19 days after service to check for pregnancy and the presence of twins. Our mobile crush is a great asset for safe testing. We want you to have a successful breeding season.

## Cattle notes.....

Spring seems to have coincided with a lift in cattle prices (at long last). Spring also means calving season, so call us if you have any calving problems. Our service is 24/7. Watch for scours in the young calves and check your bulls for their vaccination status before they are put out with the cows. Add in a fertility check if any bulls have had a poor breeding performance in the past year.

## Facebook news.....

Facebook is an easy way to catch up with our news and events at NVS. We try to get good stories out up to once a week, so Like us and get regular updates.

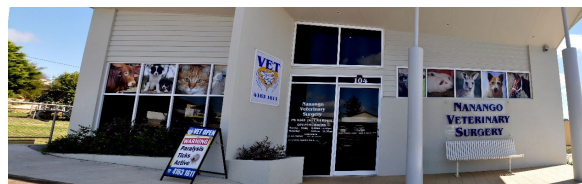


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Hayley and Larissa are ready to spring clean your dog's coat with Spring being our busiest time for dog clipping as the weather gets warmer.