

Nanango Veterinary Surgery Christmas 2015



The vet team (Sam, Jon, and Hanna with Chilli, who is fast becoming our clinic dog) “getting in the Christmas spirit”. With Sam back from maternity leave and young Eddie doing really well, we will be back to a full veterinary team.



Gretel is all smiles after she hears of her nomination for the Best Student of the Year Award for the Cert II in Animal Studies she just completed.

Well Done Gretel.....

Gretel has now been with us for just over a year, and already she is a very important member of our team. To her credit she has completed all her studies for her Cert II in Animal Studies (Vet Nursing) and

has just been notified that her mentor team have nominated her for Student of the Year at the AIRC Course. Well done Gretel for all your dedication and hard work. Gretel is now enrolling in her Cert IV in Animal Studies to give her more depth and breadth in her studies. Other Vet Nursing study achievements include Joy and Danielle working their way through their Cert II study programs, and Larissa completing a month long Emergency Nursing and Critical Care Course. Well done team.

It's nearly Christmas.....

As Christmas decorations go up we know the year is nearly over. We have had a wonderful summer so far, and business has been really strong. The horse breeding season has been strong, especially with a lot of artificial inseminations going on. The ticks and snakes have been slow but constant, but we seem to have more dog breeding work. There has certainly been plenty of variety to keep us on the hop. We look forward to supporting you right through the festive season (we're on call 24/7), and hope that the good season continues for everyone.

A Safe and Merry Christmas to All

Mardi Gras Money.....

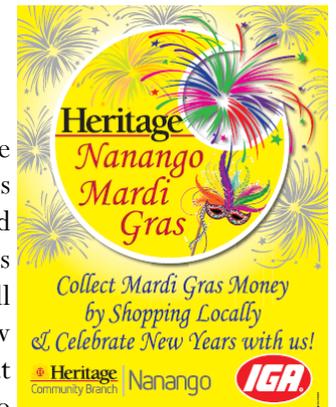
Mardi Gras Money, the Nanango business promotion to reward local shopping is in it's last month with it all culminating at the New Year's Eve Mardi Gras at the Nanango Showgrounds. Over \$6,000,000 of Mardi Gras Money has been distributed to reward local shopping. Collect it with your purchases and take it to the stall at Heritage Bank for conversion into \$2 tickets. These tickets can be used in two ways: as a voucher for food, drinks or carnival rides at the Mardi Gras, or as an entry into three Lucky Draw prizes worth \$1,000 each. Write your name and phone number on the back of the ticket and either drop it into the bank or to us (but tell us which draw you would like to enter: a smart wide-screen TV, a holiday at Caloundra, or \$1,000



voucher pack from our major sponsors. Thank you for shopping locally in Nanango and please join us in celebrating New Years Eve at the free Mardi Gras at the Nanango Showgrounds.

Calf scours frustration & success

Summer can see a lot of severe calf scours, especially in late calves. Caused by a number of viruses, bacteria and parasites, treatment can be intensive and frustrating. We use Neo-Sulcin antibiotic tablets, Lectade electrolyte drenches, injections of Trisoprim, and sometimes drenches of Scourban. Sometimes severe cases benefit from intravenous





drips. In the past fortnight we have had two calves in that looked like they would soon die, but were revived with overnight intravenous drips. The second calf (much larger) frustrated us as he refused to stand on the second day, so we continued the treatments, but when we took him out of the surgery and stood him on the grass, he ran off and was hard to catch. We had underestimated his recovery. With cattle prices up, treatment is a good alternative to calf losses. Call us for advice.

Three Day Sickness rages

At this time of year we get a lot of clients looking for ways to support their cattle affected by Three Day Sickness (Bovine Ephemeral Fever). Mature and well conditioned animals are more severely affected with some animals going on to die. We have had a confirmed case recently that rapidly deteriorated after developing respiratory distress and emphysema. The best treatments for animals sick with Three Day is anti-inflammatory and antibiotic injections, and good nursing care. That includes providing access to food and water, shade and cooling. We are getting a lot more enquiries now as cattle prices have made them too expensive to neglect. Vaccination is the best preventative.

Lions Christmas Cakes On Sale

We support the Nanango Lions Club by selling their Christmas Cakes every year with all profits going towards their community service projects. The cakes are huge, full of fruit, and ideal to ice as your own Christmas cake. Jon also does a good job of eating them during the year as he drives around the district and he thoroughly recommends them.

Hannah Races Well

You may remember Hannah English who started as a trainee Veterinary Nurse with us before going on to become our Head Nurse. That's a while ago now, but 5 months ago she formally became an apprentice jockey after a lifetime of pony club, dressage and riding trackwork. A few weeks ago she became approved to ride provincial races (including TAB meetings) and then rode the winner of the Roma Cup. She is currently leading the country jockey's premiership. Congratulations Hannah.



Sponsorships and Advertising

There are always lots of ways we can advertise our businesses, and it is getting harder with more online and digital areas and the loss of print media like the Country Focus. While it is continuing as a web site, we are looking at other areas and ways we can contact our clients. Our website has most of our practice information, and we connect with a lot of people through our Facebook page. We sponsor Wild Horse FM (99.7MHz) in Yarraman as they are a good community radio station with a strong local following. We have run some features in the South Burnett Times with topical items. We are trying to connect better with our clients through emails with our newsletters and upcoming events and news. We are using emails more for sending accounts now but have yet to master this system, as some of you may know. Please give us your contact email to receive our newsletters (about 4 a year) and accounts if you prefer. We try to spread our local sponsorships around to the animal related clubs and events and the



Our topiary cat at the back of the surgery.

An interesting case: Jet, a mature male Belgian Shepherd, had a large aggressive growth needing removal from near his tail base. The size of skin to be removed meant that we had to swing a flap of tissue from down the leg to across to cover the wound with its blood supply coming from the X on the first picture. This is called an axial pattern flap. Photos below show: Jet: Planning: after surgery; & at suture removal 2 weeks later.



local schools. If you have any suggestions for better avenues to get our message across, or especially like an area that we are supporting, please let us know.

Student Spays at Half Price.....

We have an active program of supporting vet students in their practical placements with about 5 vet students spending two weeks each with us this year. As part of this training we offer the students the experience of desexing clients pets, while under our supervision, and offer this to clients at half the normal price. This offer is often fully booked when we advertise it, and the students relish the experience it offers. Call us if this is suitable for your pet.



Trent, a final year Vet student who has just spent two weeks practical experience with us.

Office Hours:

Weekdays 8:00am to 5:30pm

Saturdays 9:00am to 11:30am

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