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Gretel and Larissa in their Mardi Gras Money outfits with two furry friends before they are clipped and groomed to face the coming summer heat. We are a gold supporter of Mardi Gras Money



Congratulations Sam

On 19th July Sam gave birth to her second son Eddie a delightful little baby and brother to William, now almost three years old. Sam's time off has meant a very busy time at the surgery but she reassures us that she will be back in December. Now with two sons she expects a

lot of her weekends in the future will be ferrying them to cricket matches around the district. Congratulations Sam: you're a wonderful mum.

Summer brings.....

Spring is that wonderful time of year when the cold days are left behind but we start to think about the heat of summer. Storm rains have helped the season so far but some hot days can easily dry off the pasture to near drought conditions if good soaking rains don't arrive soon. Local cattle producers have benefited from a great lift in selling prices making a great change to recent years. We have seen a lot more cattle work of late with cattle certainly worth saving. Calvings, foot problems, eye cancers, bull testing. The horse breeding season is also in full swing with pregnancies confirmed from natural and artificial insemination. Ticks and snakes are back on the small animal menu with our new blood clotting analyser proving a very useful addition to our laboratory. It is particularly useful to tell is dogs, that are showing no signs, have been bitten by a brown snake. Early antivenom treatment is usually successful. Welcome to summer!



New hope for Tick Prevention....



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 your pets, and circumstances. The recent introduction of two new flea and tick prevention treatments may vastly reduce the number of cases we see of tick paralysis. Nexguard is a monthly treat for both fleas and ticks



while Bravecto does fleas for 3 months and ticks for a whopping 4 months. Both products are being very well received and are effective as claimed. We expect the main tick season to last until a hot dry spell but know they occur year

round. 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.

Mardi Gras Money....

Over 30 Nanango businesses are joining together to bring you a great new promotion Mardi Gras Money. Starting October 1st, over 30 participating businesses will give you Mardi Gras



Money as a bonus with your purchases. Collect it for the three month promotion then convert it into tickets to pay for carnival rides, food or soft drinks at the Nanango Mardi Gras held at the Nanango Showgrounds on New Years Eve. Or for our out of town clients, we can convert the tickets into Lucky



Draw tickets in \$3,000 worth of prizes. Nanango businesses want to reward you for shopping locally and provide for a great family night out to see the old year out and the New Year in!! So start collecting your Mardi Gras Money as a reward for shopping locally..

Interesting Tick Like Paralysis

We had an interesting case recently with paralysis in two cattle dogs from a farm in a tick paralysis area. The dogs were on Nexguard so should have been protected from ticks. They both developed weakness and inability to stand one night. We knew they had access to dead rabbits and the signs were like botulism poisoning. We anaesthetised them, drenched them with activated charcoal and they went home, improving over the next two days. When they regressed the following day, their owner showed us that she was feeding them calf milk replacer containing **Lasalocid** which is known to produce these signs in dogs. There have only been a few reports of it in Australia. We repeated the treatment, and again they were sent home, and we now warn farmers against feeding this calf milk to their dogs.

Seminar activity

When a good client asked “When are you holding another seminar on horse breeding?” we decided we needed one soon as the spring breeding season had

started. So on September 15th we had a great night explaining the reasons and background to how to breed horses successfully. We love these nights when good questions show just how interested people are in the subject. We covered the mare’s structure and breeding cycle, artificial insemination, problems in late pregnancy, and the secrets for difficult mares. An enthusiastic audience, an enjoyable supper, a great night. We are considering one on breeding dogs... what would you like a seminar on? ,



New treatment for cats with overactive Thyroid Glands

Older cats can often develop an overactive thyroid gland and it becomes quite a problem. The signs include constant hunger, weight loss, lowered stress tolerance and a poor hair coat. The treatment has traditionally been either to radiate the thyroid gland to kill off the tissue or to treat the cat twice a day with a drug that lowers the hormone level. Both treatments are expensive, but tableting a cat with an overactive thyroid can be a challenging experience as they can react with a short fuse to any stress. But now a new treatment offers a much softer alternative. Hills Pet Nutrition now offer the Y/D diet that is completely balanced except that it doesn’t have any iodine. So by feeding this diet exclusively for eight weeks, the cat will become normal and not require any drugs. An original and novel way of treating an old problem. All the pet food companies will be saying “Why didn’t we think of that?”

Heartworm Testing Promotion.....

For the months of October and November we are offering clients half price heartworm tests as a check that their dog’s heartworm prevention treatments are safe and effective. That’s only \$22.50. Heartworm is spread by mosquito bite and there are a range of effective treatments ranging from monthly chews, spot-ons, up to the annual needle. The need to heartworm test for safety varies with the product as does the problems if treatments are missed. Our best recommendation is **Proheart**, the annual injection, as the cost is often less, the lack of need to remember every month,



the ability for the product to cover missed doses, and the safety if the animal has contracted heartworm. If after the test your dog goes onto Proheart injections, the heartworm test is free.

Summer 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.

Office Hours:

Weekdays 8:00am to 5:30pm

Saturdays 9:00am to 11:30am

Please Phone: 4163-1611 All hours

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