



Congratulations Hanna

Hanna did the whole surgery proud when she recently became the Nanango Miss Showgirl. After an interesting time at the judging and presentation, she had a long busy day at the show with all her official duties. The photo above shows the South Burnett Miss Showgirls at the regional judging last weekend at Murgon where Hanna was awarded Runner-up. The whole experience was great for her public speaking and self-confidence and an opportunity to promote the local area and the Nanango Show Society.

Winter brings out the arthritis

The chills of winter and the need to snuggle up and stay warm brings out the arthritis in our older pets. With osteoarthritis found in 80% of dogs over 8 years and 90% of cats over 12 years, pet owners can really help their little ones. To highlight some of the ways we can help we have a Facebook based competition with over \$250 of prizes up for grabs. Like us on Facebook and go into the draw, or call us to see how we can help your pet this winter. Below are our First Prize and second chance draw prizes.



Annual Hendra Boosters

Zoetis have recently announced AVPMA approval of Hendra Vaccination



Boosters to be 12 months apart. So after the initial shots 3 to 6 weeks apart, and a booster at 6 months, all subsequent boosters will be 12 months apart.

Will we see your horse if it is not vaccinated against Hendra Virus? Yes. Our current policy is to not discriminate between horses based on their Hendra Vaccination status. But remember that non-



vaccinated horses will not be accepted by referral hospitals if they need surgery due to the Work Place Health and Safety Risks associated with Hendra Virus. We encourage vaccination against Hendra Virus. We think the vaccine is safe and effective. We recommend Hendra Virus vaccination for horses.

New hope for Itchy Dogs

We have been really pleased with the responses in itchy dogs to a new tablet Apoquel, from Zoetis. The drug works in a completely new way to stop the itching process. As itching can be from a range of causes, we recommend a thorough examination of the dog to describe the cause of the itch, as a cure may be a lot more appropriate, than the use of drugs to take away the symptoms. Previously we have often used prednisolone to ease the irritation, but are always wary of the side effects, many of which can be long term. Apoquel is showing great promise in dogs with contact allergies, food allergies, and especially atopy, where the allergens are in the environment (often airborne)



and very difficult to control. The drug is started as a twice daily tablet then is reduced to once daily and the response is often very fast. Which is really important when your pet spends all it's energy scratching all day.



Dog breeding flourishes

With an active kennel club and a growing demand for unusual purebred dogs, we are seeing a growth in dog breeding activities in the area. We are extending our services from semen testing, artificial insemination (both fresh and frozen), ultrasound pregnancy testing and assessment and soon our own progesterone analyser. Recently, we seem to have also had a series of caesareans to deliver puppies where the bitches can't cope or the puppies are at risk. This is one of the real joys of working as a vet.

Horse Trailer Modifications

We built our horse trailer in 2009 after the GFC thanks to some clever design work from Wayne Gilliland at Nanango Welding Works. With the breeding season coming to a close we have given it an overhaul. The door catches are safer and easier; a new tray box has allowed easy display of the teeth equipment we use; we removed the floor to make it lighter and safer; and we have re-rigged the battery & pumps for rinsing the mouth. Add a coat of paint, a few new tools & hey presto: back in business.





Super Chewsday Special for Horse Dentals

Horse owners should take advantage of our annual special on equine dentistry. As the winter months are the quietest of the year, we offer a special price for our Equine Dental Performance Float including sedation of only \$99 when it is done at the surgery on a Tuesday. The offer will last for the months of June July and August but only on Tuesdays. The benefit to the horse will be year long with a great reduction in the pain from sharp teeth. They chew without pain, so we call it Super Chewsday Special.

PS: Clients getting horse dentals done away from the surgery will benefit from the new instrument layout and safety of the work we have done on our horse trailer. We keep adding to our specialist equipment so the new layout makes it all more accessible! Watch out for smiles all around.

Bull Testing Time

We are getting more enquiries about bull testing as graziers prepare for the next breeding season. Decisions on replacing bulls and then sourcing a new bull before the new season is timely. Vaccination of bulls can also be completed before the breeding season. Call us for more information or for a copy of our Annual Beef Management Program.



Client Seminars

Jon has recently returned from the annual AVA conference in Adelaide and is full of energy and ideas to develop and pass on to clients. So we plan two upcoming client seminars:

Dog seminar: Wednesday 10th August at 7:00pm

Topics to include a review of dog breeding, dog nutrition, and controlling itches in dogs.
Horse seminar: Wednesday 31st August at 7:00pm
topics to include a review of breeding, coughing horses, gastric ulceration, and leg fractures.

An Eight Month Flea Collar With Four Months Tick Protection?

Bayer have just released Seresto, a new flea and tick collar with these amazing claims (proven for registration). The collars use a unique polymer matrix that holds the two active ingredients and then slowly release them based on movement. Once released, the actives (the same as in Advantix) bonds onto the skin so introduced fleas or ticks are drugged as they move through the coat before they feed. This is a great advantage for pets with a flea allergy dermatitis. The collars are water fast and are sold around the world.



E-mails please

The pressure is on for us to do more of our communicating electronically so if you can supply us with your email addresses it makes life for us easier.

Office Hours:

Weekdays 8:00am to 5:30pm

Saturdays 9:00am to 11:30am

Please Phone: 4163-1611 All hours

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Congratulations to our vet Hanna Perrett who was awarded Nanango Miss Showgirl 2016, seen here sashing Clint Whitaker's Junior Champion Bull (a Brahman) Mr. Coco. See inside for more details of her busy day.