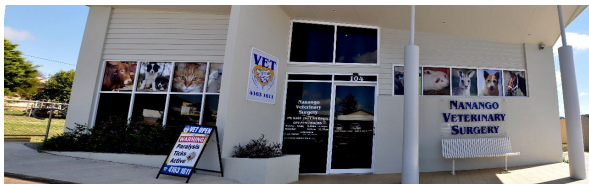


Congratulations Team

Our staff are about to achieve a great milestone with all the nurses having completed their Cert II in Veterinary Nursing. Joy has been working hard to complete her last assignments and should be finished by Easter. We will then be blessed by all three nurses Larissa, Gretel and Joy, with their training completed. We are supporting two new school based trainees in Mitchell Hunter and Sarah Haack also starting their Cert II course through the Animal Industries Resource Centre. Welcome to them both. We look forward to the graduation ceremonies in October for both Joy and Gretel, but Gretel has chosen to continue her studies, and is working towards her Cert IV in Veterinary Nursing. Well done team.

It's our 6th birthday!!!.....

May 10th sees our "new" surgery having it's 6th birthday, so we can reflect on some of the changes we have seen in that time. Internally most things have stayed the same, with improvements in the surgical suite including the separate air conditioning unit, a diathermy or electrosurgical unit, and heated anaesthetic gas delivery. The treatment area has two new LED examination lights, and an oxygen cage for intensive care support. Our imaging has improved with digital x-rays, a video endoscope for looking into deep cavities and our new colour Doppler ultrasound. Our laboratory has improved with a new blood clotting machine and a progesterone assay machine ordered. Our solar panels make it easy to offer full air-conditioning to our staff, patients and even those animals boarding during

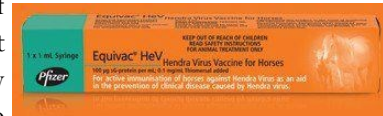


Our Open Day 6 years ago: the horse yards at the back of the surgery; Zuse and Neo enjoying an outside break from their air-conditioned boarding after Christmas; the old surgery ready for a new life.

summer and winter. Our horse yards are a great asset and are now fully functional after the removal of the large (bat-attracting) cadagi gum. We think it is one of the best country surgeries we know of and we want to keep improving. It doesn't feel like 6 years but time flies when you are having fun!

Our Hendra Vaccinations Policy

Will we see your horse if it is not vaccinated against Hendra Virus? Yes. Many vets are now refusing to see horses that have not started a Hendra Virus vaccination program. Our current policy is to not discriminate between horses based on their Hendra Vaccination status. We encourage vaccination against Hendra Virus. We think it is safe and effective. The vaccine is registered and approved for use in pregnant mares. It is the single most effective weapon to reduce the risk of Hendra Virus infection in horses and people. We are aware of our obligations under Workplace Health and Safety legislation and may advise against contact with the horse if we are concerned about the possibility of a Hendra Virus infection. We are worried about the



welfare of the horses under our care and the health of our staff and clients. We worry about the effects of a Hendra Virus infection. We recommend Hendra Virus vaccination for horses.

Beef Pregnancy testing

Now is the time of year to pregnancy test your cows. At a time of premium and record prices, there are huge benefits of taking advantage of early accurate pregnancy testing as it offers profitable management choices. We can use our ultrasound in conjunction with manual testing to confirm pregnancies down to a few weeks. Our tail tags can certify individual animal pregnancy status before sale. Call us for an appointment on 41631611.



Horse Breeding Season

The horse breeding season has all but finished and in review it has been very successful for us. While all our mares for frozen and chilled semen ended up pregnant, we also had a good season with most local studs. One of our most successful new strategies this year was the increased use of Settle in mares with a poor fertility or low grade uterine infection.

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 caesarians 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 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 are giving it an overhaul. We are making some safety modifications and adding more covered space for the extra dental equipment we have purchased, including molar extractors. We recently added a battery pack and new water pump for washing out the horses mouths. It should be back on the road in a few weeks looking bright and fresh.

Dental Package for horse breeders



Interesting cases: This foal had contracted tendons on day one & was fixed by fibreglass casts on both hind legs; A yearling that tore off his near nostril but it healed well; An older horse who wore his incisors after wire caught between his teeth.



NVS sponsored the Juvenile draft at the Nanango Campdraft. Here competitors patiently wait their turn in the camp.

Horses benefit from regular dental work. For our clients with more than a few horses, we have a package of 10 horse dental examinations and floating, including sedation, for only \$990 including GST.

If it is paid up-front, we will even split the work between two visits. Travelling, wolf teeth and molar extractions are extra. We want your horses to eat well, digest their food efficiently, and perform well for work or competition. We place a strong emphasis on a proper bit seat in competition horses and have testimonials from successful competitors as proof of our product. We aim to offer the best local equine dentistry and this is a very competitive package. us for an appointment or for more information.

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. We recently hosted local vet student Chloe Brazier (pictured), and have two more students in the next few months. Call us if this is suitable for your pet.



Office Hours:

Weekdays 8:00am to 5:30pm
Saturdays 9:00am to 11:30am

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Larissa, Gretel and Joy with our Easter basket.
Drop in to the surgery for a free ticket in our joint celebration of Easter and our 6th birthday of the new surgery.