## St Bernards Buzz

## reception make over

You might be thinking that "The Block" stars have visited St Bernards Road Veterinary Clinic, but it is our own amazing team who are in the process of completing an amazing facelift for the clinic. Desiree is our "queen of clean" and you can see in the photo that she launched herself into scrubbing the floor once the extra food stands were removed a

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few weeks ago. The waiting room is now full of natural light and space and is a great place for Emily and Petra to take our Puppy School classes.

Please come in and check out our "new look", but bear in mind that we still have lots more ideas to implement before our renovation is complete.

This month we also welcome Tamsyn to the team at St Bernards Road Veterinary Clinic. She has recently moved to Adelaide from Sydney and is really looking forward to meeting all

of our wonderful patients and clients. She particularly enjoys working with exotic animals and is looking to develop her skills in diagnostic imaging (radiology and ultrasonography). She is originally from the UK, so has a really cool accent, and will feel right at home in the Adelaide Hills during winter.



None of us like to find ourselves in an emergency situation, either for ourselves or our pets, but knowing some practical first aid can make all the difference.

Boehringer Ingelheim have developed an app which you can download - First Aid for Pets Australia. It contains over 130 helpful and potentially life-saving articles for quick reference in the event that you and your pet find yourself in an emergency situation.

The app has been written and reviewed by Australian vets to provide both accurate and relevant information and also allows you to have fast access to our contact details in the event of an emergency.



## an arthritis friendly home...

To help your arthritic pet live a comfortable life we recommend a balanced and multitargeted approach. This can help reduce the need for large amounts of medication and lessen the potential side effects of any one treatment.



A few small changes at home can help improve your pet's comfort so here are our top tips:

- 1. Keep your pet's weight in a healthy range to reduce the load on the joint
- Provide a dry and comfortable bed, away from draughts and with plenty of padding – heated beds are a good idea for winter
- 3. Use a portable ramp to help your dog in and out of the car
- 4. Provide an additional piece of furniture so your cat doesn't have to jump so high to reach his favourite sunny spot
- 5. Continue to exercise your pet in moderation; gentle daily walks for dogs help keep the joints moving and muscles toned

Ask us for more information on how to make your home arthritis friendly.



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## patient of the month

Ninja is a recent addition to his family and he is just such a delight. He has already been in for his Calicivirus (a fatal rabbit dis-

ease) vaccination and then we also had the pleasure of his company a few days later when he developed conjunctivitis.

He is already trained to use a litter box and he is fitting in really well at home, although his rabbit big brother is not convinced at this stage that he is a fabulous addition to the family.

It will be great to follow Ninja's life journey.

If you have cool photos of your rabbit that you would like us to share please email them to St Bernards Road Veterinary Clinic

(reception@stbernardsvet.co m.au) with some information about your rabbit, and we will choose some to post on our



