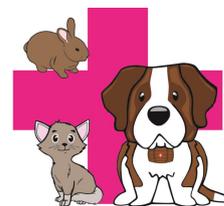


# St Bernards Buzz



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## Exciting News...



We have recently welcomed Ellen to the St Bernard's Road Veterinary Clinic team. Ellen has recently moved to Adelaide from the Clare Valley, where she has been working as a Veterinary Nurse for 4 ½ years. She is currently studying her Certificate IV in Veterinary Nursing and is hoping to finish her studies by the end of 2015.

Ellen has a special interest in dog behaviour and training. She enjoys talking about anything related to animals and is passionate about client education. She enjoys everything that being a veterinary nurse throws at her, even cleaning out cages! Please make sure you welcome her next time you visit the clinic.

## ALSO...

We have been working on our new website for the last six months and it is finally live: [www.stbernardsvet.com.au](http://www.stbernardsvet.com.au). We have included a section for our newsletters, so you are welcome to go back through old editions and we have a section where we can share some of our patient stories. We hope that you enjoy the new website, please let us know if you have any thoughts or feedback.

## St Bernard's Road—Kitty Clinic

We are passionate about providing the best experience possible for the Kitties who come to visit. We appreciate that it is very stressful for cats to be in the waiting room when there are big, bouncy, noisy dogs in the waiting room at the same time. We often find that by the time cats get to the consulting room they are totally stressed - they have been shoved in a carrier, put in the car and then forced to sit next to a dog! In an attempt to make veterinary visits more relaxing, we now have a dedicated Kitty Clinic on Tuesday mornings between 11.00am and 1.00pm with Dr Jenni.

If you think this would make visiting the vet more relaxing for your cat, please book an appointment during our Kitty Clinic on Tuesday morning.

## Make your backyard BBQ safe

Who doesn't love a summer BBQ? With the warmer weather and longer daylight hours we are all keen to get our snags cooking - and your pets probably are too! How do you best keep your pet safe around the BBQ? Follow these four safety tips so your pets can enjoy the BBQ as much as you do.

### 1. KEEP PETS AWAY FROM THE BBQ

The smells coming from the BBQ are irresistible to our pets. Keep your pet away from the hot BBQ at all times to prevent burns. Keep the lid closed when you are not around, especially after cooking, to prevent your cat jumping up on the hot plate to hunt out any leftovers or meat juices.

### 2. USE A DRIP TRAY

Some pets will eat anything that meat juices may have dripped on to - including sticks and rocks! These can be ingested and cause intestinal injury and obstruction.

### 3. CLEAN UP

After your BBQ throw away all drip trays, foil, left overs, bones and meat skewers. Dogs in particular love to scavenge and ingest things they shouldn't! We don't want to have to perform intestinal surgery to remove them.

### 4. DON'T FEED LEFTOVERS

Ask your guests not to feed your pet any leftovers or tidbits from the table as this can lead to gastric upsets and pancreatitis. Have a bag of pet safe treats on hand instead - we have great options in stock so ask us for a recommendation.



## Patient of the Month

Last month we shared a story with you about Parker - the "stoned" puppy, and this month we have a story about a beautiful old girl who had trouble with stones of another kind. Pippa came to visit because she was really unwell one Wednesday and it was discovered (on x-ray) that her bladder was absolutely full of bladder stones - over 100 stones of different shapes and sizes.

Pippa was stabilised and taken to surgery to remove the stones - we all got a surprise when we found how many stones she had in her bladder and how unhappy her bladder wall was because of all the trauma the stones had caused.

Pippa recovered well from the surgery and the stones have been sent to the Hills laboratory in the US for analysis. You can follow all of our patient stories on the website:

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