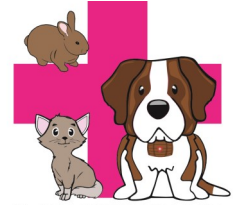


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Welcome Ru & Lucy



We are very excited this month to be introducing you to Ru and Lucy, two wonderful new team members.



Ru joins our team of experienced veterinarians, having previously worked at several other veterinary clinics in Adelaide. She is an experienced small animal surgeon and has a special interest in Acupuncture. She is a fabulous addition to our team, and it means that we now have three experienced veterinarians available to provide healthcare for your fur-babies.

Lucy is an experienced veterinary nurse who has previously worked in the Adelaide Hills. She has fitted in beautifully with our team and even managed to adopt a homeless reptile since joining us. The reptile in question ...was given a male name - this had to be changed last week when "he" laid a large clutch of eggs!

Vaccination Reminder

Is your pet ready for the Christmas holidays? If your pet is boarding over the holiday period and isn't up to date with his vaccinations now is the time to get things in order.

Most boarding facilities require cats to have a minimum of a F3 vaccination and dogs a C5 vaccination but it's best to check with the facility your pet is booked in with now - before it's too late!

Vaccinating your pet is one of the most important things you can do to ensure they lead a healthy life.

OUR TOP REASONS FOR VACCINATING ARE AS FOLLOWS:

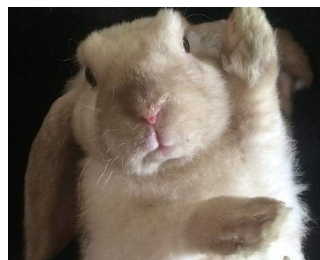
1. Vaccinations protect against **preventable diseases**.
2. Vaccinations are substantially **less expensive** than the cost of treatment for the diseases they protect against.
3. Vaccinations protect your pet from **transmissible diseases** in boarding facilities, at parks and even when they visit us (if your pet has to be hospitalised for any illness, their immune system may already be compromised so you want to make sure they are protected, otherwise they may have to stay in isolation)

Myxomatosis

Vets around Adelaide are seeing rabbits with myxomatosis—a lethal viral infection.

Myxomatosis is transmitted by biting insects, such as fleas and mosquitoes. It can also be directly transmitted from infected rabbits via nasal and eye discharge. Sadly, the majority of domestic rabbits infected with myxomatosis virus do not survive. Avoiding contact with biting insects is the only way to avoid the disease.

Hutches should be covered with Insect proof netting and rabbit should keep inside at dusk and in the evening when mosquitoes are most active. It is also important to ensure your rabbit is up to date with Advocate or Revolution. Rabbits need different doses compared to dogs and cats - contact us and we can let you know the correct dose for your rabbit.



Patient of the Month



Molly—wearing Doggles!

Like many of us, Molly has found the Spring allergies a challenge this year. She has always been prone to being itchy at this time of year, but this year things are worse.

She has very itchy eyes, and has been rubbing her eyes with her front paws, causing hair loss and inflammation of the skin around her eyes. To help relieve her discomfort we fitted Molly with some "Doggles" so that when she is out and about her eyes are protected and she can't cause any further trauma.

We have also started Molly on a new medication which provides excellent relief from allergic dermatitis—Apoquel.

All in all Molly is so much happier with her new medication and her Doggles—if your canine companion is suffering this year with allergies then please come in for a visit, there are definitely things that we can do to help.

