

AUTUMN 2024

Jo's Jabber

Summer has been busy at the clinic – Courtney added baby Leonardo to her family and both of them are doing really well!

Adam, Peta, Amy, Emily and our Austrian student Iris all tackled the 32km from Falls Creek to Mt Hotham again this year – and they smashed it! Turns out I may have been the rate-limiting factor last year, but we won't dwell on that...

Our renovations are so close to completion – any day now - and we are planning an open day in April so you can come in and have a sticky beak at the whole thing! Keep an eye out for more info on that!

Our kids have returned to school with mixed feelings–Oliver believes it is interfering with his business opportunities, Clare continues her relentless campaign to move school and Josh is trying to bake a different goodie for his class each week. Last week this escalated to him selling extras to other kids. In his defence, he tells us it was for the school fundraiser...

Looking forward to the weather changing, snakes disappearing and cooler nights as Autumn progresses – enjoy the change!

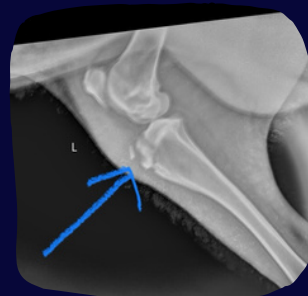


Case of the Quarter

Dr Emily examined this young poll dorset stud ram on farm for a sore hind leg.

Suspicious something wasn't right, x-rays were performed at the clinic. The x-rays revealed the ram had fractured a section of his tibia. This bone fragment was causing a lot of pain.

Dr Adam and Emily then performed surgery on the ram to remove the bone fragment. One week on and the ram is doing well and looks like he will have a successful breeding future.



Gaby in El Salvador!

Our Veterinary Nurse Gaby recently visited her home country of El Salvador.

She visited the Salvadoran Bitcoin-funded Hospital, where treatment costs \$0.25 USD and veterinary nurses are not a thing.

"I visited Chivo Pets, which is the first public veterinary hospital in my home country, El Salvador, and I must confess I was very impressed!

During the tour, Dr. Irma Vides explained that between 700 and 750 patients are treated every day, including dogs, cats, rabbits, guinea pigs, hamsters, chickens, iguanas, and turtles. My brother, Dr Alberto Aparicio, added that amongst the most frequent cases are hemoparasites, ehrlichia, anaplasma, pyometra, and skin conditions.

The hospital also has an outpatient service and emergency care, as well as areas for hospitalization, surgery, and a clinical laboratory, among other complementary areas, such as physiotherapy, rehabilitation, and grooming.

Each service costs a flat rate of just \$0.25 USD, (Yep, that's right!) with the option to pay in Bitcoin via the Chivo Wallet or other cryptocurrency wallets. A true testament of how cryptocurrency is making a real-world difference to lives.

I had the opportunity to give a talk about veterinary nurses, a role that does not exist in the country. In El Salvador, veterinary students function as auxiliaries and assist fully qualified veterinarians as a veterinary nurse would in Australia.

Upon obtaining their qualification, Australian veterinary nurses undergo competency training and, finally, a workplace assessor evaluates them for their proficiency in meeting established performance standards.

Veterinary nurses are a crucial part of any Australian veterinary team and have a respected position in any practice, fulfilling multiple tasks from caring for patients and monitoring anaesthetics during surgery to educating clients and assisting during vet consults. While these tasks may be challenging, there are multiple benefits, and the emotional reward is significant. It's why we do what we do!"

- Gaby Aparicio



Get to know Grace!

If you could only choose one song to play every time you walked into a room for the rest of your life, what would it be? Dancing Queen - ABBA

If you were an animal, what kind of animal would you be and why?

A dolphin because I love the beach & swimming in the ocean

Where is home? Geelong

What keeps you out of trouble? Going to the gym

What would your best friend say is your best quality? I am a good listener

Pets at home: A Border Terrier called Phoebe



Favourite Lolly: Sour worms

Favourite Vegetable: Potato

Favourite Singer/Band: Zach Bryan

Favourite Movie: Love Actually

Hairy Panic

LOCAL LAND SERVICES, NSW

Hairy panic is quite palatable, particularly during a dry summer as it offers a green pick.

Lambs are the most susceptible to poisoning when ingesting this weed. Stressed/wilted plants may have increased toxicity.

Hairy panic contains compounds known as steroidal and lithogenic saponins. These result in severe liver damage that leads to photosensitisation. Liver damage in sheep also increases the risk of copper toxicity and sudden death.

Clinical signs of disease:

- Photosensitisation - Crusty, red or black scabs on low-wooled areas such as the ears, muzzle, nose and eyelids
- Droopy ears
- Swollen and weepy eyelids
- Decreased production
- Jaundice – yellow eyes/gums

Management/prevention:

- Remove any affected animals from the pasture and keep in a darkened shed. Provide fresh water and cereal hay.
- Avoid high-protein and green feeds as the animals can't process these due to the liver damage.
- Do not allow young sheep to graze pastures containing hairy panic.
- Grazing management – graze adult sheep or cattle on affected pastures.

Monitor your animals and your paddocks frequently to try and limit issues with toxic weeds. While the effects of liver damage can sometimes be managed, liver damage is permanent and tends to become more severe over time. For further information speak to your local veterinarian.



ANIMAL RIDDLE

I row with four paddles but never leave home. What am I?

A turtle!

EYE ROLLER

What did the goat say when it pranked the cow?

Just kidding!

FUN FACT

Koala's have fingerprints almost identical to human.