



SPRING 2023

Jo's Jabber

We. Are. In.

Thank you, thank you, thank you!

To all you amazing people for being so patient with our renovations over the first 8 months of this year. It is so exciting to share the new part of our building with you and I hope you get a chance to drop in and check it out soon if you haven't already! The works on the back section are well underway, but this part will hopefully not impact you and our patients too much. And there are just a couple of things to finish off in the front part which will be done in the next month.

As with all things, life has continued around the renovations: We welcomed our newest vet, Grace, to the team in August and you may have come across our latest Austrian students Anna and Marlene who were with us for a month – our German is not improving at the rate it should with all this exposure!! We have also had members of our team taking some well-earned breaks in Europe, Africa and QLD.

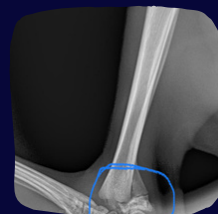
At home we have only bogged the tractor three times this year – thankfully we have a very helpful neighbour with bigger tractors!

Adam, the kids and I are headed for Europe very soon – I think the kids are still wrapping their heads around the length of time we'll be on the plane (and that we travel back in time!!) and for some unfathomable reason, Oliver has crammed all his clothes into the smallest possible bag he could find. Meanwhile Josh has been packed for about 3 weeks and he and Clare are currently trying to outdo each other in who can write the goriest stories. Should be a good Spring!!



Case of the Quarter

Squid came to us after returning home to her family with a very sore back leg. We took some x-rays and unfortunately she had a fracture right through one of her growth plates in her back leg, we suspect from a fall or big jump from a height. These breaks can be very difficult to heal, and so for the quickest most painless recovery we decided to remove her leg. Squid is now one leg lighter and a very happy and healthy tripod cat. Her family are so happy to have her home and we loved having her in the clinic because she is such a smoochy, lovely cat!



Intestinal Parasites

Regular deworming is essential to ensure your pets remain healthy and to reduce the likelihood of worms posing a risk to your family. Puppies and kittens are often the most susceptible to worm infestation, although even healthy-looking animals can be carrying worms. Animals can pick up worms in a variety of ways including from other infected animals, infected faeces/grass and infected raw meat. If your pet does have a parasite you may see worms in faeces or vomit, or around your pet's bottom. Other symptoms include weight loss, dry coat, increased appetite or "pot belly". It can be difficult to see any symptoms of your pet having worms, so it's important to have a regular worm treatment in place. Our veterinarians suggest worming your pet with an all-wormer every 3 months for life. Puppies and kittens need more frequent worming - every 2 weeks until 12 weeks old, monthly until 6 months old and then onto 3 monthly treatments. Frequent deworming will kill worms that are present but it is very easy for your pet to become reinfested and so it's important to continue deworming your pet all year round.



All ears for Emily!

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? Temperature by Sean Paul

If you were an animal, what kind of animal would you be and why? Some sort of bird so I could fly

Where is home? On a farm in Upper Lurg

What keeps you out of trouble? Rearing orphan lambs and team penning on my horse

What would your best friend say is your best quality? My smile

Pets at home: Buddy the Blue Heeler & Achmed the horse

Favourite Lolly: Strawberry & Cream

Favourite Vegetable: Potato

Favourite Singer/Band: Lainey Wilson

Favourite Movie: The Mission Impossible movies



Bull & Ram Breeding Soundness Exams

DR EMILY FOSS



One of the many large animal services we offer here at Wangaratta Veterinary Clinic is Bull and Ram breeding soundness exams.

Why?

Breeding soundness exams are an important first step when setting up your herd for a successful breeding season.

Early identification of animals unfit for joining ensures more successful matings, resulting in more calves and lambs on the ground and less empty animals.

Upon completion of a breeding soundness exam, your veterinarian can provide you with a signed certificate of your animal's semen and examination results.

Having your bull or ram certified as 'fit to breed' by a veterinarian adds value to their sale price. Animals that have been semen tested and deemed fit to work by a veterinarian give buyers peace of mind that the animal they are purchasing is fit for the job.

When?

It is recommended that breeding soundness exams are performed at least 6 weeks prior to the mating period.

It can take up to 60 days for semen production to return to normal after a disease, lameness or stressful event so early identification of these animals well PRIOR to joining is a must.

Identifying sub-fertile or infertile animals well advance of the breeding season allows adequate time to source suitable replacements if required.

What?

A breeding exam of a **BULL** includes the following:

1. A general physical examination including general health, body condition score, gait, conformation of hind limbs and claws.
2. An examination of the testes and measurement of scrotal size (a reliable indicator of sperm output). This includes palpation of the scrotal contents, penis, prepuce and rectal examination of the accessory sex glands.
3. Collection and assessment of a semen sample to assess viscosity, colour, wave motion, progressive motility and morphology.

A breeding exam of a **RAM** includes the following:

1. A general physical examination assessing general health, body condition score, feet and teeth.
2. An examination of the testes and measurement of scrotal size (a reliable indicator of sperm output). This includes palpation of the scrotal contents, penis and prepuce.
3. Collection and assessment of a semen sample to assess viscosity, colour, wave motion, progressive motility and morphology.

Please contact the clinic for pricing and to book in your Bull or Ram breeding soundness exams on (03) 5721 4000.

ANIMAL RIDDLE

What jumps when it walks and sits when it stands?

A kangaroo!

EYE ROLLER

What do you call 2 octopuses that look the same?

Itenticle!

FUN FACT

Only female mosquitoes bite



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