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Small Animals

UPDATE ON PARVOVIRUS

You may have seen in the media recently that a new strain of canine parvovirus has been discovered in Australia.

The new strain (CPV-2c) has been spreading around the world but until the last few years had not been present in Australia. Cases have been confirmed in Victoria as well as South Australia and suspected cases in Queensland and Northern Territory.

The tricky issue with CPV-2c is that the in clinic testing we routinely use to diagnose parvovirus may show a negative result to this strain.

Unfortunately most of the reported cases have occurred in dogs who are already vaccinated, but in these cases the symptoms are generally milder than dogs that have not been vaccinated.

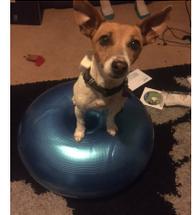
While researches are continuing to investigate the parvovirus strain it is important you keep your dog up to date with vaccinations. Puppies in particular should not be taken into high risk areas until 2 weeks following their final vaccination at 16 weeks of age.

Parvovirus is a highly fatal disease and we advise that any unwell dogs showing any of the following signs should be brought in for an examination: decreased appetite, lethargy, vomiting and diarrhoea.

We want to reassure you that we are following recommendations of suppliers and the Australian Veterinary Association to ensure we provide every member of our extended doggy family the best protection available. This may lead to changes in the vaccination recommendations in the future and we apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

Case of the Quarter

This case is a little closer to home with our very own Kristy's dog Ruby requiring knee surgery . Ruby had a lesion in her knee joint causing her a lot of discomfort. She has been a model patient post op and has been doing her physiotherapy diligently!!!



Jo's Jabber

I hope you had a fantastic Easter!

Adam and I had a great Easter break although it did involve the most woeful Easter egg hunt ever: After distributing heaps of eggs all through the orchard, I didnt think to shut the gate...the next morning the poor kids found a total of 8 little eggs and 2 wrappers – and looked completely bewildered by the whole event. In good news, none of the dogs became unwell from their feast- so yep, I am one of those owners too!!

Also at home 4 year old Joshua has recently had glasses fitted and is learning about personal space at kinder – this is awesome except when I told him he needed to hold onto the shopping trolley while we crossed the carpark he informed me “but then I’d be in the trolley’s personal space”. Sigh. Over dinner Oliver asked me why we exist and what is behind space (!) and Clare has learnt to ride a motorbike - I suspect her favourite part is dressing up for a ride!

If you’ve visited the clinic lately you’ll see our feature wall is now painted a lovely blood red – we are thinking all things blood over the next few months, see if you can spot the other blood related decorations in reception (including the jelly bean competition)! Also at work, we had a small chemical fire in the back of the laundry – Amanda, Jules and the emergency services did a great job in containing it very quickly and no damage was done.

Floss has been delving into animal behaviour lately and headed to the US for an intensive course in May – we can’t wait to see what she brings back from this to help us help our patients. Also in May Adam played his 100th game of footy for King Valley – I feel like the 200th will roll around in no time... Keep warm in the coming months, Jo



When hippos get angry their sweat turns red!!

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Sussing out Sarah



Where is home?

Greta South

How many mouths do you feed and who?

1 husband, 2 children, a dog (Lolly), a goat, (featured below) 2 chooks, 2 cows!!

On average how many times a week do you hurt yourself trying to dance in the shower?

NEVER! I am an awesome dancer and an elite athlete!!!

Skittles or MnMs?

Skittles

What do you do when a baby stares at you in public?

Dance

How would you describe your job to a child?

I'm basically a vet!!! :) :))

What song would you sing on The Voice?

Price Tag – Barden Bellas (Pitch Perfect)

Complete this sentence: There was a chimpanzee sitting

.... on a fence eating a crumpet.



Large Animals

NEWLY RECOGNISED DISEASE

In 2014 a new disease in dairy calves was recognised known as upper alimentary tract ulceration syndrome (quite the mouthful!). Most commonly seen between October and March the condition causes “ill-thrift” where calves appear as poor doers despite receiving good nutrition.

Calves are poorly responsive to antibiotics and anti-parasitics and test negative to commonly seen conditions such as salmonella, coccidia, pestivirus, worms and yersiniosis.

Ulceration of the tongue and mouth is a feature of this condition. This ulceration extends down the oesophagus and into the small intestine. The outbreak can be quite substantial with up to 60% of a group being affected and 10% have died or required euthanasia.

DPI scientists have identified a virus that is suspected to be responsible for the syndrome but further testing is still required.

Testing is free if you meet the requirements of having scouring and/or weight loss in at least 5 animals in weaned dairy heifers (up to 8 months of age). Please contact us if you see these symptoms or ulceration in the mouths of your calves so we can start the investigation process.



Ulcerated Oesophagus

NEW SERVICE

Sedated dehorning of calves is now available through the clinic. Each calf receives sedation, a nerve block to the horn buds and oral pain relief. The process is quick and painless for the calves and for you! There is no man handling or struggling with the animals and their recovery is quick. Whilst the calves are sedated we are also able to check for extra teats or hernias. Give us a call at the clinic for cost.



Sedated calves

Local block



Dehorning

Kids' Game

SPOT THE 7 DIFFERENCES



Dr Adam and Alistair met Cookie the camel in April. After a few cuddles the work got underway and Cookie lost his manhood. Based on this photo it is safe to say he didn't hold a grudge!

Dad joke!

What sort of cheese gets a bear down a mountain?



.....Camambert !!!!