



CLINIC HAPPENINGS

A warm welcome to our newest veterinarian Dr Stephanie Gillett, BSc BVMS.

Steph graduated from Murdoch University in 2009. She comes from Williams in Western Australia, a small country town where she grew up on sheep, cattle and crop farm. She is enjoying a change of scenery in Tatura and Mooroopna. Steph enjoys working with a variety of animals and hopes to further her knowledge in all areas. Loving country life, fishing, camping, beers with the family and friends and the West Coast Eagles, she is a fresh face and we hope she enjoys her time with us!



EAR INFECTIONS

Dogs' ears come in a variety of styles. Some stick up, some flop down, some are hairy and some are not! And they are all prone to ear infections.

Infections of the external ear canal (otitis externa) by bacteria or yeast and the most common types of infections seen in dogs.

A dog with an ear infection is sore; it's ear canals are sensitive. Your dog will shake its head and scratch its ear. This will often progress to the stage where the pet is obviously distressed.

The ears often become red and inflamed, and develop an offensive odour. You may also see a brownish discharge in the ear.

Many times a grass seed is the cause of the initial inflammation, and the ear reacts to the irritation by secreting a waxy discharge.

An insect called an ear mite may also incite irritation.

In many cases your pet will need antibiotics or other prescription medications to solve the problem.



It may be necessary for your pet to be anaesthetised to

allow a thorough examination and to clean the ears correctly.

If you feel your pet's ears are causing it problems, don't delay in calling us. Ear infections left untreated can be a very frustrating, difficult and painful problem.

ADVANCE Advanced Pet Nutrition™

Advance products are made in Australia using selected, high quality ingredients. The range, which includes food in both wet and dry formats, is specifically designed to help your pet enjoy a long healthy and active life.

The benefits of Advance pet foods include;

- Contain Omega-3 oils for a healthy coat
- Reduced risk of lower urinary tract infections
- Increased levels of antioxidants, to strengthen the immune system
- Maintains dental health
- Promotes healthy gut bacteria, resulting in smaller, firmer stools
- Full range available including weight loss, dietary sensitive and joint diets.

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PUPPY PRE-SCHOOL

Puppy Pre-School provides a wonderful opportunity for you and your puppy to get started on the right track! It also gives your puppy a chance to learn to socialize in a controlled and safe environment.

Topics that are covered at Puppy Pre-School include;

- Socialisation– Why socialization is so important and how to go about it.
- Preventative Medicine– Learn what is available and what is important
- Toilet Training– Effective methods for training your puppy.
- Diet and Feeding– When, where, how often, what to feed and what not to feed your new puppy.
- Dental Care– Maintenance of healthy teeth and gums.
- Grooming - Brushing, bathing, nail clipping.
- Fleas– What's effective and what's not.
- Exercise and Play– The importance of it!
- Training– When and where to train your puppy, plus recommended approaches.
- Hospital Tour– See what it is like “behind the scenes” at our vet clinics!
- Problem Behaviour– Why puppies do it and effective ways to discipline.
- GRADUATION!

Puppy Pre-School graduates receive discounts on routine procedures (desexing and micro-chipping) as well as a puppy pack filled with goodies.



Classes run for four consecutive weeks—weekdays from 6-6:30pm, and run for approximately an hour, unless we're having so much fun and run late! Classes run from both our Tatura and Mooroopna Clinics. Call now and chat to our staff for more information.

PET INSURANCE

Like most people who have a pet, you'd probably agree that your four legged friend is an important member of your family. So Medibank know you'll be really pleased to hear that with pet insurance you can now give the furiest member of your family the care they deserve. **A pawfect solution for you and your pet.**

Medibank Pet Insurance gives you great value, peace of mind and a list of benefits that'll set just about any tail wagging:

- Up to 100% cover on vet bills.
- Monthly premiums from as little as \$12.50 for cats and \$14.05 for dogs.
- 10% discount for Medibank Private members.
- Cover options for accidents, illness and routine care.
- Your choice of vet and your choice of 3 levels.

Some important questions to consider with any insurance include:

- Does the policy offer wellness or routine care cover?
- Does cover reduce with aging pets?
- What is the reimbursement claim time?
- What is the age limit for joining?

If you have any questions please feel free to call our clinics.

HEARTWORM

We are frequently asked whether heartworm prevention is important in the Goulburn Valley region, and our answer is a emphatic **yes**.

Heartworm is a parasitic worm that is transmitted by mosquitoes. Adult worms live within the heart and lungs of cats and dogs, causing life threatening disease.

Whilst Victoria was once relatively heartworm free, we are now seeing an increased prevalence of disease.

All of the monthly spot-on all-wormer treatments (such as Advocate) provide heartworm protection. Alternatively, Heartguard injections provide 12 month protection against infection, and can be conveniently administered at the same time as your pet's annual vaccination.



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