

# Tuggeranong Veterinary Hospital Autumn News 2012

## QUOTATIONS

### Current Staff At TVH:

#### Senior Vets and Practice Owners:

Dr Malcolm McKnown, Dr Karen Van Roy,  
Dr Ben Black.

**Associate Vets:** Dr Yi Jiun Law, Dr  
Katherine Mills, Dr Rachael Grigson, Dr  
Shelley Brown and Dr Joyce Yung

#### Associate Part-Time:

Dr Penny Baker-Gabb, Dr Heather  
Breckenridge, Dr Seonaid Knight and Dr  
Heidi Beruter

**Receptionists:** Donna Campbell, Laura  
Tebb and welcome to Suhanniya.

#### Practice Manager:

Janine Crowe.

#### Nursing/Receptionist:

Cazz Jennings, Janna Horsburgh,  
Grace Potter, Lydia Champ,  
Emily Johnson, Michelle Lyons, Maddie  
Shannon-Hooper, Sammi Muir and Cassie  
Caldwell.



A cat is more intelligent than people  
believe, and can be taught any crime.  
Mark Twain

Every life should have nine cats.  
Anonymous

Cats are notoriously sore losers. Coming  
in second best, especially to someone as  
poorly coordinated as a human being  
grates their sensibility.  
Stephen Baker

Dogs come when they are called; cats  
take a message and get back to you.  
Mary Bly

### Autumn Holidays:

We will be closed on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March for  
Canberra Day. We will also be closed over the  
Easter Break April Friday 6<sup>th</sup>, Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> and  
Monday 9<sup>th</sup>. We will be open April Saturday 7<sup>th</sup>  
from 8am to 12pm to see urgent cases.

If you have a veterinary emergency, please contact:

**The Animal Emergency Centre,  
Telephone 6280-6344  
Unit 15, 2 Yallourn Street,  
Fyshwick, A.C.T, 2609**

If you are planning to go away, it is important that  
you make sure that your pet's vaccinations are up to  
date. Don't forget, if you are planning to go to the  
coast, you must remember to get your pets tick  
protection. Most of the products are sold according  
to your pet's weight. If you have any questions, one  
of our receptionists will be happy to help.

## Be On the Watch For:



### MOSQUITOES

With the terrific downpour Canberra has had recently the mosquito population is sure to explode. Mosquitoes in Canberra can transmit Heartworm Disease, a parasitic worm which lives in the pulmonary artery of dogs and rarely cats.

Heartworm Disease is much more common in coastal and tropical areas of Australia but with recent heavy rain in Canberra could change this.

Fortunately prevention is cheap and effective with monthly tablets OR a convenient yearly injection. A blood test may be required before starting prevention for the first time.



### ALERT: CHOCOLATE IS POISONOUS TO DOGS ...

Chocolate although extremely tasty contains caffeine and theobromine which is relatively harmless to us but dogs metabolise these chemicals much more slowly which makes them dangerous in sufficient amounts. The darker the chocolate the more dangerous it can be. Five grams of baking chocolate per kilogram and fifty grams of milk chocolate per kilogram is potentially lethal. The problem comes about when dogs gorge themselves on these hidden goodies, and thanks to their super sleuth noses they will easily win any Easter egg hunt hands down and rarely share their winnings.

Early symptoms in the first 2-4 hours may include restlessness, vomiting and diarrhoea and may progress to more advanced signs of stiffness, seizures, rapid heart rate, breathlessness and death within 12-36 hours.

Treatment may include induction of vomiting, activated charcoal to prevent further absorption, gastric lavage, heavy sedation and antiarrhythmic medication.