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Spring Newsletter 2008

GOOLWA NEWS: Jacqui has finished her final exam and qualified with a Certificate IV in Veterinary Nursing. Congratulations to Jacqui for a great achievement.

The building of our new Goolwa Clinic has started!. Keep an eye out for it on our block opposite FoodLand. We are looking forward to moving in, in the not too distant future. Also, Goolwa Clients, keep an eye out for the 'Loyalty Cards' that you will be receiving in the mail shortly with your vaccination reminders. They are our way of saying thank you to you for your Loyalty.

Trudi has had a week off and a trip to Second Valley and will be off to Katherine in October for some Barramundi fishing. Deb and Dr. Fiona Spurling can be found at the Goolwa clinic every second Saturday if you want to pop in and say hello.

Don't forget to book in for Puppy Classes with Trudi at either the Goolwa or Victor Harbor clinics to help with your puppy.

VICTOR HARBOR NEWS: A fond farewell to Dr. Emma Kennare from our Victor Harbor clinic who is leaving us shortly. She has been a highly valued member of the team and we wish her well for the future.

The microchipping day at our Victor Harbor Clinic held in conjunction with the Victor Harbor Council was a great success. We would like to thank all those involved including Staff who gave up their time on a Sunday, Royal Canin and the Lions Club for providing a BBQ.

Chris, Christine and family have had a trip to Blanchtown along with a trip to Claire.

Check out the useful phone numbers on page 5 and if you would like to place something in our classified section, give us a ring to organize it.

Enjoy our Spring Newsletter and you and your pets have a wonderful Spring time and we look forward to catching up with you soon.

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Feliway-Better Behaviour in the Air-Proven Results!

What is Feliway??

Feliway is a plug in diffuser that emits cat pheromones into the air to convey a message of well-being and a feeling of security. It is natural, safe and as simple to use as just plugging it in. It is also available in a spray.

The introduction of Feliway into the environment comforts the cat when used in combination with behavioural therapy and helps to prevent or control behavioural problems involving stress. Eg: urine marking, vertical scratching, loss of appetite, aggression and reduced desire to play.

Depending on the extent of the problem, some cats can show signs of improvement in as little as a week or two. It covers an area of 50-70 sq. metres.

Useful for: moving house, visits to the Vet, holiday homes, new arrivals, overcrowding, moving furniture.

For more info, come in and have a chat to us.



Keep in mind that it will be compulsory for all cats to be microchipped in the Alexandrina Council Area as of 2012.

Healthy Beginnings for Baby Cats

ROYAL CANIN WEANING

*kittens four weeks to four months

*immunity supportive

*400gm bag

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*full of energy

*highly digestible

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*full of energy

*highly digestible

*vitamin E and C

*lutein and taurine

*tartar control



Protection Against AIDS for your Cat

An annual vaccination is now available for your kitty cat to protect from the serious viral disease Feline Immunodeficiency Virus (FIV) or Cat Aids. We recommend vaccinating **ALL CATS** especially those with outside access. FIV cannot be cured.

The FIV prevalence in pet cats in South Australia is 18.45% and Cat Aids causes similar symptoms to Human Aids (HIV). FIV is transmitted between cats mainly through the saliva when fighting and biting.

This new vaccine can be given at the same time as your cat's regular vaccinations. Come and see us today or phone: 8555 1666.



The Benefit of Head Halters on Dogs

"Whoa, Rover, whoa!" Sound familiar? If that's what it's like when you take your dog for a walk, you may want to consider getting a head halter. Halters are not muzzles. They can be a very useful training tool.

A lot of people get frustrated with their dog because it pulls on lead, or lunges, or barks at other dogs or people when out on walks. This can then lead to them not taking the dog out for a walk, which can then lead to behavioural problems at home due to lack of exercise and mental stimulation. Maybe the use of a head halter is the answer.

It is a very humane method of restraint because it doesn't cause any pain. A head halter is a special kind of collar designed for dogs who like to pull their people when they walk. When wearing a head halter, the dog can drink, eat, or carry a toy when the leash is loose.

It consists of a strap that goes around your dog's nose and another strap that goes around his neck, just behind his ears. The leash fastens to the halter under the dog's chin. It's like power steering - where the dog's head goes, the body will follow. The head halter works in the natural manner of canine communication. The strap around the muzzle delivers a psychological message to the dog.

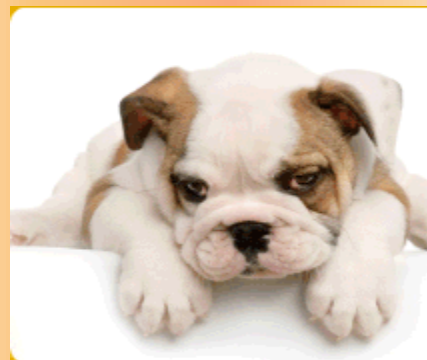
In watching a group of dogs, you might see a higher ranking dog encircle the muzzle of another dog with his or her own mouth. Head halters use this instinctual muzzle control to make a statement of leadership. Most dogs recognize the muzzle strap as an extension of your leadership and will often settle into a mellower attitude with minimal training.

A range of Head Halters are available here at the clinic. We are more than happy to give you a hand with selecting and fitting the appropriate size halter for your dog.

Trudi is available Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays if you would like to know more.



Did you know that humans have 9,000 taste receptors in their mouth. Dogs have 1,700 and cats have 900.



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*Phone: 8555 1666 (Goolwa) or 8552 1188 (Victor Harbor) to find out more.

We'd love to see you there!

Snakes Come Out



As we enter the warmer months, snakes emerge from hibernation and can be encountered by ourselves and our pets. On the Fleurieu Peninsula the snake population consists of mainly Brown Snakes (90%) with about 9% being Red Bellied Black Snakes particularly around Goolwa. There are a few Tiger Snakes around in the marshy areas such as the mouth of the Murray River.

Refer to the excellent article on our website for the common signs that you will see with snake bites in dogs and cats. Visit: www.victorandgoolwavets.com.au.

URGENT VETERINARY ATTENTION IS REQUIRED – usually within 20-30minutes.

Phone: 8555 1666 for Goolwa 24 Hours

Phone: 8552 1188 Victor Harbor 24 Hours

Insure for Sure-Pet Insurance is Worth Considering

Pet Insurance is becoming more and more popular as the benefits of covering pets against illnesses and accidents are recognized. Pet Insurance offers you peace of mind. If your pet is involved in an accident or suffers a sudden illness the medical costs can be several hundreds to thousands of dollars. Pet Insurance opens up treatment options which otherwise might not be affordable. It gives you that peace of mind.

There are several companies that offer pet insurance: Vets Own Pet Health Insurance, RSPCA Pet Insurance, AFS Pet-Med, Petsecure, Petplan, Petcover, & Insuranceline Pet Health Plan. Also some House and Content policies have an option of extending to injury to cats and dogs, such as GIO. All of these companies are available online or Petplan can be accessed via the links page on our website: www.victorandgoolwavets.com.au.

What does pet insurance cover? Individual schemes vary but accidents and illnesses are covered. Therefore, if your dog breaks a leg, or your cat develops kidney failure, a large percentage of costs will be reimbursed. You cannot claim for pre-existing illness' and generally your pet cannot be older than 8-12yrs to start a policy, depending on the company.

How much does it cost? Costs vary on the type of cover you choose, but basic accident cover starts from \$17.00 per month, with discounts for multiple pets.

How does it work? After treatment, having paid your account, you submit a claim to the Insurance company who will reimburse you, usually 70–80% of the total.

How do I decide if I need Insurance and which company to use? Taking out Insurance is a personal decision and you will need to compare some different policies to find the one that is most appropriate to your own personal objectives and financial position and needs.

Have a look on the internet or chat to our friendly staff at either clinic.

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Useful Numbers & Classifieds

GROOMING:

Doggie Boutique Grooming Salon

Call Zdenka Ph. 8552 2515 or Mob. 0408 289 207

LOCAL BOARDING KENNELS

Sagewood Boarding Kennels & Cattery Ph. 8554 9515

The Cats Whiskas Ph. 8552 7715

OUT OF TOWN BOARDING KENNELS

Woodside Cattery Ph. 8389 7499

Fleurieu Park Boarding Kennels Aldinga Ph.8557 4340

RSPCA Boarding Dogs Ph. 8382 0888 Cats Ph. 8382 9962.

DOG SITTING

Jody Lawrence, 3 dogs maximum. Secure 1 acre block. Ph. 8536 0139

Maria Barac Housesitting In house or in her home. Ph. 8554 3017

SNAKE CATCHER

Phone Anthony on Mob. 0438 844 161

WILDLIFE WELFARE

All Birds Hotline Number: 0434 114 628

NATIONAL PARKS & WILDLIFE

Ph. 8552 3677

LOST DOGS/REGISTRATION

Alexandrina Council Ph. 8555 7000

Victor Harbor Council Ph. 8551 0500

DOG TRAINING

Clever Paws Trudi Waller Reward Based Groups & Private Training

Ph. 0414 812 540

Katie Doddridge: Canine Solutions Ph. 8552 2529

Mob. 0438 869 094

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Please phone us if you would like to place a notice in this section in our next Newsletter.

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"If at first you don't succeed, roll in something gross, sniff something nasty, eat something foul, and try, try again."

DON'T FORGET

WHEN YOUR GOING

PAST WITH YOUR PET

IN THE CAR, CALL IN

AND LET US GIVE

THEM A TREAT AND A

CUDDLE, THEN

LEAVE. LETS MAKE

THE VETS

SOMEWHERE YOUR

PET WANTS TO GO,

NOT JUST

SOMEWHERE THEY

GO WHEN THEY NEED

SOMETHING DONE.





Welcome to our Goolwa Clinic

Steve Mc Cardle & Zac

Lauren Gunning with Wags

Des Edwards & Madison

Shane & Sue Von Stanke with Abby

Susan Bonham & Amber

Ms Barbara Glover with Clancy

Veronica Teague & Rusty

Susan Montgomery & Lucy

Lee Kleinig with Rufus

Mr Lyall Gray with Rusty

Julie Dobie with Harry

Cynthia Bricknell & Mickey

Donna Whitehead with Chaz

Kate Taylor with Kila

Thelma Murphy with Biscuit

Emma Sanahan & Tyco

Paula Bourne with Poacher

Tania Laaks & Zoidberg

Melaura Stephens & Cojack

Martin & Gloria Francis with Fidget

Jean Matters with Molly

Peter Rankine with Oscar

Robyn Ewens & Charlie

Justin Burton & Mustang

Kirsty Newell & Jessie

Patricia Byrne with Podge & Sally

Benita Wells with Shandy

Leonie Edwards & Monty

Kate Hastwell and Bella

Kerriane Stevenson and Max

Robert Young and Lucious

Jean Cox with Padooska

John Thompson and Emma

Milton Heddle and Kerry

Heather Nehmy with Oscar

Sarah Raines with Pepper

Janice Glazbrook and George



Welcome to our Victor Harbor Clinic

Nadia Nottle and Puppies

Rosie Bock and Mia

Janet Lumsden and Annie

Anita Sickerdick and Milo

Helen Smith and Russ

Julie Decesare and Bronte

Steve Anderson and Bluey & Sam

Bartosz Swiatek and Haydes & Bear

Alexander Steward and Sasha

Lyn Witt and Bill

Mark Vanzati and Scraps

Julia Bloomfield and Selby

Kerry Walker and Ruby

Rondy Nickels and Bonnie

Rita Sanders and Lucy

Daniella Blundell and Max

Sharon Coupar and Monty

Dr. Emma Rowe and Basil

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"This exercise is great for your arms, shoulders, chest and back. Do four sets of 15 repetitions, then move on to the yarn ball for your aerobics."