



Coming Events

Thurs 13 December:

EGDOC Committee

Meeting, Sale RSL

Meeting Room (York

Street, Sale), 7.30pm.

All Welcome.

Yellow Bandanas



Have you seen the dogs at club wearing the yellow bandanas?

This means these dogs need more space than other dogs.

This can be for various reasons like they are uncomfortable greeting other dogs.

PLEASE DO NOT let your dog rush up to these dogs.

Please talk to the owners, keeping your dog under control i.e.: sitting at your side & making sure that your dog is not staring at the dog wearing the Yellow Bandana.



Message from the Editor

Welcome to the November edition of the EGDOC Newsletter.

We are almost at the end of the year, it's very hard to believe. Christmas carols have started at the Supermarkets and I can't believe just how early they stock up on Christmas fare, tinsel, gifts and all. At least there is really no excuse for not getting in early, being prepared and having everything organised before Christmas day. ;)

IMPORTANT INFO

The last day at the Club for 2012 will be on **Sunday 16 December**. This will be our **Club Christmas Breakup Day** and there will be loads of fun activities for you and your dog to participate in.

We will **recommence** training on the **first Sunday in February 2013**. Please mark it in your diaries now.

CHRISTMAS PARADE:

The Club will be involved in the yearly **Christmas Parade in Sale**, on Saturday **1 December** and we would love to have you join us. Meet at St. Columbus Uniting Church (opposite Jack Ryan's Irish Pub) at **8.30am** in club uniform or anything red, black or white. The parade will kick off at 9am and we will all walk down towards Brennan Park.



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REMINDERS for 2012 House keeping

Please remember to wear your name tag, if there is not one on the board please speak with the membership officer. Name tag board is by alphabetical order, Surname first.

Please sign the book provided every Sunday for insurance purposes. It is located on the table near the name tag board.

Please make sure you pick up after your dog! There is a bin provided for all your garbage & dog poo. Please make sure that poo is in a plastic bag before it goes into the bin.

Tea and Coffee is free for members; all that is asked is that you clean up after yourself. So please feel free to stay after classes and "have a cuppa".

Soft drinks in the fridge are \$1 ea. Chocolates are \$0.50 each. Help yourself. There is a money tin in the fridge. This runs on an honour system.



Did you know?

The East Gippsland Dog Obedience Committee (EGDOC) now meets in the Sale RSL meeting room once a month on every second Thursday.

Next Meeting will be held on Thursday 13 December 2012 at 7.30pm.

New members are always welcome and encouraged to participate to have a say in the running of the Club.

We are still looking for volunteers to act as the Librarian, Publicity Officer and also to assist with Catering at Trials. If interested, please speak to any member of the Club Committee.

EGDOC Committee Positions

President: Peter McMaster

Vice President: Pat Brewer

Secretary: Julie Hollonds

Treasurer: Kathy Vernon

Committee Members: Sue Bryant, Natalie Evans, Vicki Green, Leah Hepworth, Nicole Jenkins, Nicole Newman, Lynne Rapson, Frank Vanatta, Janice Vanatta, Tee Watt

Club Room Supplies: Denise Hennessey

Equipment Sales: Natalie Evans & Nicole Newman

Instructors: Pat Brewer, Sue Bryant, Laura Duck, Sherran Howlett, Peter McMaster, Lynne Rapson, Melissa Tatterson, Anne Thomas, Frank Vanatta, Janice Vanatta, Kathy Vernon, Beryl Walden, Mavis Weymouth

Instructors in Training: Leah Hepworth, Julie Hollonds, Sarah Vranek

Librarian: Your instructor, but we are looking for a volunteer.

Membership Officer: Pat Brewer

Newsletter Editor: Nicole Jenkins

Publicity Officer: Looking for a volunteer

Puppy Preschool Instructors: Sue Bryant, Natalie Evans, Leah Hepworth, Janice Vanatta, Mavis Weymouth

Raffles/Fundraising: Beryl Walden

Sub Committee Coordinators

Agility: Pat Brewer

Catering at trials: Looking for Volunteers

Obedience: Janice Vanatta

Webmaster: Phil Miller

Life Members

1984 Val Karpys
1987 Mike White
1987 Karen White
1989 Janice Vanatta
1989 Mavis Weymouth

1990 Rob Williams
1990 Carol Williams
1994 Rex White
1994 Jo Morgan
1998 Joan Kingshott (dec.)

2000 Fiona Gilbert
2000 Alicia Larsen
2001 Willy Lucas
2008 Pat Brewer
2011 Peter McMaster

2011 Kathy Vernon
2011 Lynne Rapson
2011 Beryl Walden
2012 Natalie Evans
2012 Sue Bryant
2012 Frank Vanatta



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'Fish and Feather' in Sale (nearest stockist).

We also have sample bags for you to take home for your beloved pet to try. Make sure you get yourself a bag when you are next at Club.

EGDOC

EVENTS

OCTOBER TRIAL

Pat Brewer, Trial Manager

Melissa Tatterson, Trial Secretary

HEARTFELT THANKS

As the Trial Manager, I would like to extend a sincere thankyou to everyone that contributed in some way to the recent October Agility and Jumping trial. It was a fantastic effort by a lot of members, their families and also some people that are not actually involved in our Club at all.

It was a pleasure to work with a team of people all focused on making the trial the success that it was. The atmosphere at the trial was light hearted and fun with smiles everywhere you looked. There were many moments of laughter and celebration.

Our Club can be very proud to have put on an event that competitors from far and wide are full of praise for. The competitors had a great weekend, and so did the workers.

A very special thankyou goes to **Melissa Tatterson**, our Trial Secretary. She did a truly professional job, generously giving up at least two weeks of her time to ensure everything ran smoothly.

Thankyou everyone!

Pat Brewer

OCTOBER AGILITY TRIAL WEEKEND

The Club hosted its annual October Agility and Jumping Trial weekend on Saturday 13 & Sunday 14 October. It was the largest trial the club had ever held, with a **record 759 entries** received for the 33 classes held over the day and a half of trialling.

106 dogs and 74 handlers travelled from as far away as Atwell (WA), Kiama (NSW), Florey (ACT) and Melbourne to participate. **WOW!**

Saturday started well with a busy group of volunteers helping prepare from 9am with the trial due to start at 12.30pm. The velodrome looked like a small 'Tent City', with gazebos and tents of every shape and size covering much of the grounds and surrounding area. The sun shone and the trial started on time in near perfect conditions... until later that afternoon when the rain came! Heavy rain delayed the running of some classes for up to 40 minutes but as soon as it cleared the trial returned to business as usual. Due to the huge number of entries, the presentations to the afternoon's successful competitors didn't finish until just after 6pm! A group of 25 competitors, judges and club members gathered at the Sale Greyhound Club for dinner later that evening, sharing their stories, knowledge and experience about the sport of Agility.

Bright and early Sunday morning the trial recommenced, with the smell of bacon and egg sandwiches courtesy of the Sale Lions Club making mouths (both human and canine!) water. The weather remained ideal throughout the day, with a slight breeze taking the edge off of warm sunshine. With huge numbers in the Masters Ring, it was a real push to get everyone through and finish at a decent hour. However, thanks to the phenomenal amount of help we had from judges, competitors and our own club members, we finished the day again at 6pm - which wasn't too bad for those who weren't travelling back to Melbourne and still had to unpack once they got home!!

Feedback from competitors and judges was fantastic. Words like "well-run", "friendly", "great weekend" were heard numerous times. Janice Jenkins and her husband, from WA, commented that it was the best trial they had ever been to! Not a bad compliment, considering Janice has represented WA at multiple National Agility Trials and she has been entering trials all over Australia while they travel with their dogs!!

Regardless of the feedback, the trial was a **HUGE SUCCESS** raising a massive **\$3368.95** for the club!! Many, many thanks to all those who assisted in any way with the trial - it would not have been the outstanding event it was without your help!

Melissa Tatterson

Note - the Lions Club were also very happy with their profit from the trial and would be happy to do it again next year if the numbers are similar to this year.! Great work everyone.



EGDOC TRIAL RESULTS



CONGRATULATIONS TO...

143 Qualifying Passes were gained throughout the trial – which means that one average, one in five entries was a pass!

Our EGDOC Members:

Frank Vanatta & Snickers	Q – 1 st Place Q – 14 th Place	Excellent Agility A Masters Jumping A
Julie Hollonds & Penny	Q – 2 nd Place	Novice Jumping A
Michelle Morrison & Mia	Q – 1 st Place	Novice Agility A
	<i>Mia gained her Agility Title with this pass, and Michelle has now decided to retire Mia on this high note!</i>	
Pat Brewer & Blue	Q – 1 st Place	Excellent Jumping C
Sarah Vranek & Belle	Q – 2 nd Place Q – 2 nd Place Q – 2 nd Place Q – 2 nd Place	Novice Agility B Excellent Jumping B Excellent Jumping C Excellent Jumping E
Tee Watt & Panda	Q – 1 st Place Q – 2 nd Place	Novice Jumping A Novice Jumping C

Nutrience 'Top Dog of the Weekend'

Thanks to our sponsors Nutrience for providing a wonderful prize for our Top Dog award. The Top Dog of the Weekend is awarded to the dog with the most qualifying points over the weekend.

1st	Greg Milner & 'Crash' (AGCH Yeoville Accidental Hero ADM JDM ADO JDO GDM SDM SPDM CD HSAS) - Border Collie	50 points
2nd	Nicole Schwab & 'Turbo' (AGCH Gogetta Turbo II CD ADM JDM ADO JDO GDX SPDM) – Australian Kelpie	46 points
3rd	Sarah Vranek & 'Belle' (Bellisamo Belle JD) – Associate	36 points



EGDOC TRIAL
RESULTS
CONTINUED...



OCTOBER
TRIAL 2013

Nicole Jenkins



CONGRATULATIONS TO...

Mouse Memorial Award

The 'Mouse' award is presented to the dog in the 600 height class which achieves the fastest rate of speed (metres per second) in a qualifying pass.

1 st	Camilla Sleeth & Bluegrace Sea Calling (Portugese Water Dog)	6.29 mps
2 nd	Tee Watt & Burrawang Bear ('Panda' – Associate)	6.27 mps
3 rd	Cathy Saleta & Midnight Express ('Socks' – Associate)	6.14 mps

Well done to all competitors over the weekend!

Early preparation needed for the October Trial in 2013

In preparation for the 2013 October trial, the EGDOC Committee has discussed how the Club can work together as a whole to help share the workload that comes with organising a great trial.

Trials are an essential part of what we do at Club (it's in our constitution) and is an important way for us to promote ourselves, raise our profile and reputation and give everyone the chance to gain qualifying passes and titles. They are great days for everyone, but do take a lot of time and effort to organise, both in the weeks and months prior to the trial, let alone over the actual trial days.

In order for the trial to succeed well next year, there are a number of Management roles that need to be filled. If you are interested in taking on one of these important roles (note - you will be supported by other Club members), please speak directly with Pat Brewer or Melissa Tatterson.

Trial Secretary – requires computer skills, about 80 hours of solid work prior to the trial and most of this happens in the last two weeks. Plus working Friday night, all day Saturday and Sunday of the trial (this is not part of the 80 hours).

Trial Manager – This person makes sure everything comes together. Mostly it involves organising all the workers, but there are other duties during the year as well. Basically if there are any holes, and there were plenty this year, then the Manager makes sure they are filled.

Steward Officer – This person organises the stewards required at each ring complete with emergencies. It is their responsibility to ensure the stewards are trained before the day and also purchase stewards gifts. They need to be present throughout the trial to solve any problems that arise.

Catering Officer for judges and stewards – this person needs to organise the meals for both days of the trial.

Catering for the Public – we all agreed that simply providing cakes, biscuits, tea, coffee and cold drink is the way to go in the future. However, this still requires someone to co-ordinate it.

Raffle Officer

All members to note - Use of area around Lake Guthridge

Members need to be aware that the Lake Guthridge area in Sale, including the Botanical Gardens, is an ON LEAD area for all dogs. All the birdlife in that area, including introduced species such as Peacocks, are protected, and dogs are not allowed to chase or harass them.

The local council can be very strict in enforcing this rule, particularly if a bird is injured. As we do not want our dogs to be restricted from this beautiful area we need to be vigilant that their natural instinct doesn't take over. Chasing one of these birds can be very tempting and rewarding for our dogs.

CLASS UPDATE

Puppy Preschool

Natalie Evans



They are all SO CUTE!

Obedience

Janice Vanatta

Puppy Preschool

Both September and October Puppy Preschool groups were under instruction from Mavis and Natalie.

September had 6 puppies, Golden Retriever "Serge", Maremma "Myla", Kelpie/Border Collie "Jacki", Maltese/Shitzu/Poodle "Lucy", Labrador "Sandi" and a Spoodle "Molly"

All these puppies got along really well and even though we had a very small pup amongst the group all the pups were very understanding of the different play techniques and level of activity they could use/have in play with the other puppies. Mavis' heart strings were pulled a bit by a female Maremma pup named Myla. Myla reminded Mavis of both Rosie and Ace her Maremma's she had lost not that long ago. Mavis was able to help the owners to understand the Maremma breed a lot and give some very helpful tips and guidance.

October had 5 puppies, Kelpie/Border Collie, "Rusty", Moodie "Koko", Rottweiler "Yogi", Rotti/Staffy/Spaniel "Poppy" and a Mastiff X "Mack".

This group was a lot different to the September group we had a returning member of the club after his dog passed away and they decided to get a new puppy. We also had two puppies bring their child owners along to learn how to look after and train their new best friend. Nobody was sure if the puppies or the kids liked the tunnel more...

All our puppies come from different places whether it be a registered breeder, a farm, breeders or adopting from places such as Animal Aid or the RSPCA. **We encourage all of the new owners to do research on their pups breed and origin to find out what they were originally bred for** as this can help explain some behaviours and give a better understanding in training a particular breed.



Obedience

At our recent meeting it was decided that Mavis would commence instructing the Grade 1 level at 9:15 so that she and Mirri can attend the Grade 3 class at 10:30.

Because we are now seeing more juvenile dogs in the Grade 1 class we felt it would be good if we had a second instructor so that we could divide the class into age groups. Natalie and Leah have offered to instruct alongside Mavis.

Beryl will be the Grade 2 instructor and we will keep that class in the 10:30 time slot.

Our Grade 3 class is working well and we have several members who are planning on attending the Bairnsdale Rally Obedience trial in November. In preparation for the trial members have been designing and setting up courses each Sunday to practice. It is great to see so many people enjoying this new dog sport.

The instructors decided to continue introducing our new members to the "clicker training" concept and continue supplying clickers to our new members. As some members have difficulty using the "box clicker" we decided to purchase a supply of "i clicks". These have advantages for new members. They have a definite button that is easier to push, and they are easier for people to hold due to their shape. The "i clicks" also have a quieter "click", which will be better for some sound sensitive dogs. It was felt that by being shown how to use the clicker as a training tool members have a quicker success rate in training new behaviours and attain quicker responses to commands.

CLASS UPDATE

Pat Brewer

Pat Brewer



Agility - outcomes from latest meeting

The agility group is very short on instructors at the moment and so some modifications have been made to suit the needs of the group.

Beginners & Advanced Classes

Melissa has offered to observe and give feedback on handling and training skills for the advanced group at 9am. Kathy has offered to do the same when she is available.

- Melissa has offered to take the beginners group for training from **10am to 11am** (NEW TRAINING TIME)
- Pat offered to come up with some skills challenges for the advanced group. Tee offered to do the same.

Pat suggested we put out at least two challenges each Sunday or at least make sure the contact equipment is out so members can practice these when waiting their turns.

Fun Games training day

We decided to run a fun day leading up into Christmas. It will be held on the **1st Sunday in December** and the focus will be an introduction to Agility games that are played at trials. Everyone is to bring a plate for morning tea and we will probably have a bit of picnic with the dogs somewhere on the ground.

Two reminders for agility members...

On November 18th, the advanced group has decided to trial starting a new starting time of 7.30 am for the summer months. I'm not too sure how we will find it, but we decided to give it a go, so we will see you all then.

Each year at the Christmas breakup (being held on December 16th this year) the Club gives out various awards. This year there will be an award given to the Club's Top Agility Dog and another given to the Club's Top Jumping Dog. Plus the Club gives medallions to any dog gaining a title during the year.

To be in the running for either of the Top Dog awards, you must be a financial member and have gained some qualifying scores during the past year, and you must pass these results onto Janice Vanatta.

Points are allocated as follows for each place. Remember, they only count if you actually gained a pass card on the day.

1st=10; 2nd=9; 3rd=8; 4th=7; 5th=6; 6th=5; 7th=4; 8th=3; 9th=2; 10th to 20th=1.

RECIPE OF THE MONTH..

Meat Squares.....they are easier to make than meatballs. I usually make a double batch and freeze them. I use different kinds of meat to mix it up a little. And, using a pizza cutter to cut these and other homemade treats into small pieces makes that job a breeze.

500g ground meat

2 eggs

2/3 cup bread crumbs

1/2-1 tsp garlic powder

½ envelope gelatin, softened (optional, makes them hold together better)

Combine all in a food processor

Spread onto a cookie sheet

Bake at 350 for about 25 minutes

Animals adopting other animals

They exist on different links in the food chain – but these animals have all adopted outside their species. From suckling normally-delicious prey, to letting would-be predators into their litter, they have all defied the laws of nature, much to the surprise of their owners.

Experts can only speculate that it comes down to maternal instinct – and in some cases human intervention. Check out these odd families... Refer to the link below for some great footage!

<http://lifestyle.ninemsn.com.au/viralvideo/263774/13-animals-adopting-other-animals.glance>



Pygmy goat adopted by dog family

Pipsqueak the eight-day-old pygmy goat is too small to live with the other goats, so pet dogs Gizmo and Q-Tip are raising her.

Pipsqueak the pygmy goat was adopted by a dog family.



Cat nurses baby hedgehogs

Baby hedgehogs are surprisingly defenceless, but this trio orphaned in Russia found a new home with an unlikely new mum.

Abandoned baby hedgehogs were nursed by a cat in Russia.



A mother tiger adopted piglets after zoo officials wrapped them in tiger skins



10 Reasons Why It's Great to be a Dog

If it itches, you can reach it. And no matter where it itches, no one will be offended if you scratch it in public.

No one notices if you have hair growing in weird places as you get older.

Personal hygiene is a blast: No one expects you to take a bath every day, and you don't even have to comb your own hair.

Having a wet nose is considered a sign of good health.

No one thinks less of you for passing gas. Some people might actually think you're cute.

Who needs a big home entertainment system? A bone or an old shoe can entertain you for hours.

You can spend hours just smelling stuff.

No one ever expects you to pay for lunch or dinner. You never have to worry about table manners, and if you gain weight, it's someone else's fault.

It doesn't take much to make you happy. You're always excited to see the same old people. All they have to do is leave the room for five minutes and come back.

Every garbage can looks like a cold buffet to you.

ACCORDING TO DOGS

Bath – This is a process by which the humans drench the floor, walls and themselves. You can help by shaking vigorously and frequently.

Bicycle - A two-wheeled exercise machine which humans operate to keep dogs in good shape. They should be chased at high speed while barking loudly until the human falls off, for maximum benefit.

Dog Bed - Any soft, clean, comfortable surface, such as the white bedspread in the guest room or the newly upholstered couch. Any dog bed may also be used as a towel to clean your face on after eating.

A DOG'S PET PEEVES

1. When you run away in the middle of a perfectly good leg humping.
2. Blaming your farts on me...not funny.
3. Yelling at me for barking...I'M A DOG!!
4. How you naively believe that the stupid cat isn't all over everything while you're gone. (Have you noticed that your toothbrush tastes a little like cat butt?)
5. Taking me for a walk, then not letting me check stuff out. Exactly whose walk is this anyway?
6. Any trick that involves balancing food on my nose...stop it.
7. Yelling at me for rubbing my butt on your carpet...Why'd you buy carpet?
8. Getting upset when I sniff your guests. Sorry but I haven't quite mastered that handshake thing yet...
9. Dog sweaters? Have you noticed the fur?.....
10. Any haircut that involves bows or ribbons. (Now you know why we chew your stuff up when you're not home.)
11. When you pick up the poo piles in the yard. Do you realize how far behind schedule that puts me?
12. Taking me to the vet for "the big snip", then acting surprised when I freak out everytime we go back.
13. The sleight of hand, fake fetch throw. You fooled a dog! What a proud moment for the top of the food chain..



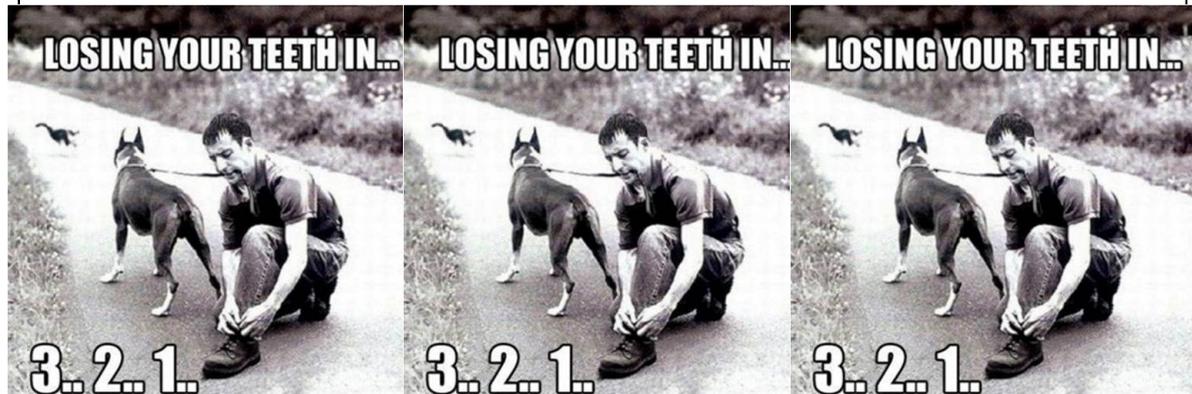
AUSSIE PETS.. Can you imagine an Australia without pets?

It'd be like Sydney without the opera house, toast without vegemite or a Ute without a dog in the back (carefully harnessed of course.)

With **six out of every ten houses in Australia owning some kind of pet**, there's no denying that we're a nation of animal lovers. In fact, studies show that almost all owners chat to their pets (though not necessarily in earshot of anyone else) & 80% reckon that they make great company.

Our affection for our pets makes sense of the decidedly human names we're giving them. Gone are the "Spots" "Fluffies" & "Sooties" & instead the latest in the top five are Bella, Charlie, Max, Oscar & Coco. They're the kinds of names we turn to when under stress & confide in when we're lonely.

MENTAL NOTE TO SELF... DON'T TRY THIS ONE!



Top 11 Dog & Cat Characteristics

11. Dogs come when you call them. Cats take a message and get back to you.
10. Dogs look much better at the end of a leash.
9. Dogs will let you give them a bath without taking out a contract on your life.
8. Dogs will bark to wake you up if the house is on fire. Cats will quietly sneak out the back door.
7. Dogs will bring you your slippers or the evening newspaper. Cats might bring you a dead mouse.
6. Dogs will play Frisbee with you all afternoon. Cats will take a three-hour nap.
5. Dogs will sit on the car seat next to you. Cats have to have their own private box or they will not go at all.
4. Dogs will greet you and lick your face when you come home from work. Cats will be mad that you went to work at all.
3. Dogs will sit, lie down, and heel on command. Cats will smirk and walk away.
2. Dogs will tilt their heads and listen whenever you talk. Cats will yawn and close their eyes.
1. Dogs will give you unconditional love forever. Cats will make you pay for every mistake you've ever made since the day you were born.



I actually love you and pay attention to your state of mind and your feelings.
I pick up on your energy.
If you're down, I'll comfort you.
If you're happy, I'll play with you.
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I'm your best friend.



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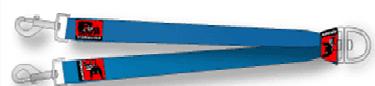
SMART LEAD - A quality lead for everyday use, with the added advantage of being length adjustable and enabling you to securely tether your dog to a tree or pole without unclipping the lead from your dog, or tying



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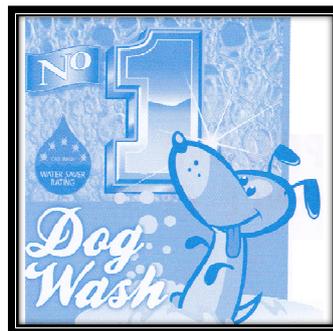


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A Word From Our Sponsors

MANNIX AND TAYLOR VETERINARY SERVICE

**** Updated ****



NEW VETERINARY SERVICE IN SALE (0429 735 353)

Mason House has had a 4 legged transformation.

Driving along Reeve St you've probably noticed a dramatic change in the Mason House building on the corner near the Safeway petrol station. Mason House was previously a human medical practice and it is now the permanent home base of THE VETS.



The Mason House Surgery has certainly undergone an amazing transformation in its upgrading to meet the standards of our 4 legged friends! This starts with the fantastic parking, so that it is safe to hop out of the car and get to the front door. As you walk in you may notice the solar panels on the roof. This is only a fraction of the panels which are also hidden in the central roof area.

Once inside there is a pleasantly clean and fresh, relaxing light filled waiting area. You may notice there is very little odour. Some of those solar panels are driving a ventilation system that causes an air change every 60 minutes. Making for a more pleasant environment for you and your pet, and better disease control.

There are 2 spacious, pet friendly consulting rooms with seating to create a private area for visiting ill patients that have been hospitalised, and another family friendly room with toys to entertain the 2 legged children. These consult rooms are computerised and also feature large screen LCD tvs so that you can see what the vet sees when they look down your pets ear.

There is a well equipped sterile surgical facility including state of the art anaesthetics, monitoring equipment, intravenous fluid therapy, hospitalisation facilities, digital x-ray, dentistry and ultrasound. The little things that mean better care for your pet have not been overlooked. The surgery has a large glass wall so that post-operative patients can be constantly monitored, not left unobserved in a closed off kennel area.

The mobile VET VAN has been up and running, for several months now. The Vet-Van which is on the road doing house calls caters for vaccinations, sick pet checks, routine worming and flea treatments and also has a pharmacy on board. This service will continue to operate alongside the Mason House Surgery in order to offer local residents a fully integrated, complete veterinary service.

THE VETS is an independent, locally owned veterinary service, operated by Dr Jeremy Mannix and Dr Rachel Taylor. They offer great personalised, professional service and are not part of an impersonal chain. You will see the same vets and nurses every time. They also have state-of-the-art treatment, but that doesn't mean they are more expensive. Many of the features of the clinic weren't all that more expensive to include, but just required a bit of extra care and thought to incorporate. The prices are in line with other 'average-priced vets'. THE VETS operate efficiently and pass on those savings to their clients.



THANK YOU

Thank to all our contributors to this months newsletter, your effort in pulling together the articles has been very much appreciated. If you have any comments, suggestions, articles you would like me to include in the next edition, please email Nicole Jenkins at: jenkinini@gmail.com

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