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Our core values:

- The well-being of you and your pets
- To provide high quality medicine and surgery
- Honest and reliable vet care
- Continually updating our knowledge and services
- Striving to build a long term partnership with you and your pets

Our facilities and services include:

- Routine veterinary consultations, vaccinations and microchipping.
- Small Animal surgical facilities; elective & orthopedics.
- In-house diagnostics; pathology, ultrasonography, digital radiology.
- Quarantine
- Pet food and other pet supplies

Welcome to Ultimate Vet Clinics Autumn edition newsletter

We are very excited to say that each season we will be able to email you all the latest clinic news, special offers, upcoming events, and any clinic promotions and discounts.

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 info@ultimatevet.com.au and we'll see what we can do for you.

We appreciate your feedback



Ear infections are a very common problem that we see as vets. But there are a few easy ways that owners can maintain the health and comfort of your pet's ears and avoid trips to the vet for nasty infections.

Dogs have L shaped ear canals which make it difficult for moisture to get out and air to get in. This moist, humid environment is the perfect breeding ground for the organisms that live on the skin of your pets ears – yeast and bacteria. Other situations such as water in the ears (from swimming or bathing), narrow ear canals, skin allergies and humidity in the environment can also lead to problems.

There are many ways we can prevent infections from happening. The first is to clean your pet's ears regularly with a good quality ear cleaning product – it is recommended that you don't put any other products or remedies into the ears without consulting your vet first. If you are unsure what product to use – just ask your vet.

Dogs that are prone to ear infections, such as those with narrow canals, or floppy eared breeds such as retrievers and spaniels, may need to have their ears cleaned every week, whereas other dogs may be fine with once a month!

You should NEVER use water to clean the ears as this will CAUSE an ear infection. When cleaning the ears remember to be gentle, don't use cotton buds (as they may perforate the ear drum) and always offer a reward so they don't run away from your next time!

You want to make sure you get the cleaner right into the ear, massage it well to dislodge and break up any wax (they usually enjoy this step) and then gently get your finger into the ear and remove the cleaning fluid using cotton wool. Good idea to wear gloves when doing this and clean the ears outside in case they shake their heads and ear juice goes flying everywhere!

How can you tell if your pet has an ear problem? It is good practice to check your pet's ears regularly. The ears should be clean: if you can see crusty yellow discharge or brown waxy discharge this is likely an infection. The ears should not be smelly, if there is an odour – there is likely a problem. The ears should also be pink – if they are red then there is inflammation – again there may be an infection.

If you notice your dog shaking its head, rubbing its head on the ground/furniture or pawing at the head then their ears may be irritating them and you should visit the vet to get them checked.

Ear infections can be very painful and irritating but can be avoided in most cases with some simple maintenance and diligence. Prevention is always better than cure!





Rabbits are not only good at delivering Easter eggs, they also make fantastic pets! Rabbits are very intelligent, they can be toilet trained, walk on a lead and play games.

There are many different breeds of rabbits and each has their own unique personality and behaviour traits. Before choosing a rabbit it's best to do some research into what would suit your lifestyle. For example larger breeds need more space and long haired breeds require a lot of grooming.

It's a common misconception that rabbits are a low maintenance pet.

They require a high level of care, proper housing and good environmental enrichment to live a happy life. Rabbits are highly social animals and should be kept with other rabbits as companions. Depending on their breed, rabbits can live for approximately 6-12 years.

Diet and dental care is very important for rabbits, It is absolutely essential to provide pet rabbits a diet high in fibre (lots of fresh, good quality oaten hay is best). This helps keep their teeth healthy and maintain good gut function.

A veterinary check up (at least yearly) is very important to assess dental health. Rabbits teeth continually grow & if they are not wearing them down themselves then sometimes we need to trim the teeth for them.

We also need to vaccinate against the potentially fatal Calicivirus.

Another thing to think about is desexing.

Desexing your bunny is good for the long term health of your rabbit. It also will stop most behavioural issues such as spraying, lunging, growling and phantom pregnancies. It also helps with litter training.





Meet Ari an 8 week old jack Russell terrier, who came to visit us for his 2nd vaccinations.

Double trouble.....
Benita is 4 months and
Barkley is 8 weeks came
into meet Dr Bob today





Welcome Dr Belinda Jensen!

Belinda graduated from the University of Melbourne in 2011 and since that time has worked in a variety of fields including welfare, emergency and small animal general practice.

She is very pleased and proud to become part of the Ultimate team and looks forward to providing the best possible care to your special family members. She has an interest in surgery of all kinds and emergency medicine.

Belinda's animal family includes a gorgeous Groodle Moose and her two lazy pussycats Rooster and Sushi . She also has a lovely little flock of chookie hens – Betty, Trudy, Peggy and Joanie. She is a massive Batman fan, a foodie (despite being a vegetarian) and an avid amateur photographer.



Congratulations to nurse Kelly & her new husband Luke who were married on 26th Feb after 9 years together. Wishing you both a lifetime of happiness together

