



Ultimate Veterinary Clinic Newsletter

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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 & specialised.
- In-house diagnostics; pathology, ultrasonography, digital radiology.
- Quarantine
- Pet food and other pet supplies

Welcome to Ultimate Vet Clinics very 1st 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, discounts and your pets health check reminders.

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Ultimate Vet welcomes any suggestions or ideas of things you would like to see in our newsletters. If you have anything to share, drop us a line at

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

We appreciate your feedback



It's been 15 months since we opened the doors and the time has just flown by.

Our passionate team have all been working extremely hard together to create an enjoyable working environment and a friendly and caring atmosphere for all our clients.

Our friendly team all have a passion for animals but all have their own interests within the clinic and outside the clinic.

Dr Bob's interests involve Orthopaedic surgeries, Reproduction and is currently undergoing an Ultrasound course.

On his time off, he enjoys off road 4WD and relaxing with his family.

Dr Julie's interests involve Internal Medicine, Skin work ups, Reproduction, Surgery and when not at work loves riding her horse and competing in horse events.

Dr Gloria's interests involve Exotics, Surgery, Medicine, Ophthalmology and when not at work enjoys going out fine dining with her partner and friends.

Sandra's interests involve Customer Service, Management and overseeing the day to day running of the practice. In her spare time when not busy running around the clinic enjoys running around Berwick keeping fit.

Kylie's interests are Surgery, Emergency, Management of staff and clinic and when Kylie's not at work she still has her hands full with her 15 month old daughter but loves spending time with her family.

Nadia's interests involve Kitten rearing and Reproduction, Surgery and Quarantine and when not at work enjoys reading and cooking.

Jessie's interests involve surgery and when not at work also enjoys riding her horse and competing in events.

Jessica's interests involve Puppy school, birds, nutrition and when not at work she also enjoys riding her new horse.

Alesha's interests involve customer service and outside of work enjoys going to the gym.

Latest news

Welcome "Lenny" Ultimate Vet Clinics newest edition a 10 week old lilac Burmese.

Lenny will join Wilbur in educating schools in the local community.

Jessie and Julie competed at the Werribee combined training day dressage and show jumping last month.

Jessie placed second in dressage and show jumping.. Congrats Jessie

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DOMINO'S LONG ROAD TO RECOVERY

Domino Rivers, a beautiful and gentle natured 11 year old domestic medium hair has recently undergone a delicate surgery known as a perineal urethrostomy, that has drastically improved his quality of life. Previously, Domino was managed at another clinic for several bouts of a condition known as feline lower urinary tract disease (FLUTD), in which cats present with issues urinating .e.g. blood in the urine, squatting, straining and frequent urination. Ultimately they can become completely blocked up, which is potentially life threatening. Domino's first FLUTD flareup since becoming one of our patients was in early August this year. The poor boy was straining to urinate and was managed successfully with anti inflammatories, antibiotics and a special crystal dissolving diet, which cleared up the issues beautifully. However, his problems soon reoccurred by the end of the month and Domino returned with a fully blocked bladder, which we had to surgically unblock by passing a urinary catheter under an anaesthetic. Domino was found to have a bacterial cystitis and crystals in his urine, which he was again treated with antibiotics to resolve. After two days in hospital, he was discharged, with high hopes that his issues had been cleared.

Unfortunately, only a few days later, Domino was back again with the same old problems...straining and discomfort on urination. As a result of all his previous issues however, his urinary tract was now extremely inflamed and scarred. He was started on medications to relax the muscles in his urethral sphincter, but after ongoing issues, the decision was made for him to go ahead with a perineal urethrostomy, a surgery which involves the creation of a new opening for the urethra, the tube which transports the urine from the bladder to open directly outside the body. After a couple more days in hospital, Domino has since gone home and made a remarkable recovery, a lot of which we can credit to the amazing love and care that his entire family have showered upon him during these stressful times, in particular, his mother Helen! Despite some initial discomfort from all the stitches sitting around his bottom which have now been removed, he is now urinating extremely well without any further issues and is back to his usual happy self! The Ultimate Vet Team is pleased with his progress and are elated that we've been able to play a part in it all!





SKIN ALLERGIES IN DOGS

Now that spring is here this means many dogs will be suffering from skin allergies. This usually results in itchy or red skin anywhere on the body-commonly affecting the face, feet, abdomen, inside elbows and hind legs.

There are a few breeds of dog that are more prone to skin allergies, for example: Staffordshire Bull Terriers, Jack Russell Terriers, West Highland White Terriers, Labradors and Bull dogs. However any type of dog can develop skin allergies. Allergies usually start when the dog is between 1 and 3 years old, but can start as early as 6 months of age and as late as 6 years of age.

Atopic dermatitis is the most common type of allergy. This means an allergy to airborne particles that contact the dog's skin (eg. Pollens, moulds and dust mites). This is often worse in Spring when pollen numbers are highest.



There are 2 other types of allergies that can have similar signs to atopic dermatitis:

Food allergy: allergy to food ingested. The most common food allergies in dogs are beef and chicken.

Contact allergy: allergy to plants or grasses that contact the dog's skin. Some dogs can have more than one type of allergy!

There are many treatments for atopic dermatitis:

Oral medications that reduce itching and redness of the skin (antihistamines, corticosteroids, immune modulating medications).

Avoiding the allergens (this is more effective for grass and plant allergies).

Bathing your dog when they're itchy to reduce allergens on the skin, or applying topical creams and ointments. Immunotherapy-this involves performing a blood test or skin test to find out exactly what your dog is allergic to, then giving them a course of injections of increasing amounts of the allergens to teach your dog to tolerate the allergens.

Supplements such as omega oils or special skin diets to improve the skin barrier function.

Some dogs will need a combination of these treatments to control the itching well.

Atopic dogs are also more prone to developing secondary infections, such as recurring ear infections or skin infections. These usually need to be treated with antibiotics or antifungal medication.

Atopic dermatitis usually can't be cured, but it can be managed very well to keep your dog happy and itch free. Some lucky dogs will eventually "grow out" of their skin allergies, but most have them for their whole lives.

Other causes of itchy skin include:

-Parasites such as mites or fleas.



-Infections-bacterial and yeast infections are the most common.

Cats can also have atopic dermatitis, but it is much less common in cats. The treatment is similar in cats.



It is important that your vet checks your pet to rule out parasites or infections that may be causing your dog's itchy skin.



- **Dr Julie is off to explore India 5th-17th November**
- **Alesha's Birthday 24th November - Wishing you a very happy birthday!**

Next Month:

**FREE
XMAS
SAUSAGE
SIZZLE**

DATE: Saturday 8th December

TIME: 2-3pm

**PLACE: 242 Narre Warren-Cranbourne Rd
Narre Warren South**



Ultimate Vet Clinic would like to personally invite you to our Xmas sausage sizzle.

All the staff at Ultimate Vet Clinic would like to say a BIG THANKYOU for being such loyal and valued clients, and would like wish you all a Very Merry Xmas and a Happy and Safe New Year.

We look forward to seeing you and your pets in 2013!

PRIZES for Best Dressed Pet on the day

(All dogs must be on lead and cats in cages as clinic will be closed)

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