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## What's new at Cox Street this Spring?

### New Vets

As we start to see more sunshine around the place we welcome three new vets to Cox Street.

Dr Lynsey McIlwaine graduated from Glasgow University in

2012. She spent a year in QLD at a racetrack practice before moving to Ballarat

Veterinary Practice for an equine surgery internship. She joined us in July this year.



Dr Kathryn Robertson graduated from Melbourne Uni in 2014 and worked in Bannockburn before joining us in July. She is dividing her time between Livestock Logic and Cox Street Vets.



Dr Melissa Graham is a new graduate from CSU in Wagga who grew up in Geelong. She joined us in August this year and is currently working full time at Cox Street Vets but will also be located at Livestock Logic.



### New Services

Another new addition to the team is an in-house blood machine. This new machine will help us diagnose health problems in pets and livestock animals alike quicker. This means we can provide faster and more accurate treatment so we can reunite you with your healthy and happy animals. We can do a blood test not only when we see signs and symptoms of a current



disease in an animal but to detect diseases early on. A blood test before surgery (called a pre-anaesthetic screen) can also help us know exactly what is going on in your pet and any potential risks. Talk to us today about this new service.

### IN THIS MONTHS NEWSLETTER:

Welcome to our new vets!

Horse dental month 10% discount

Blood testing

Rehoming kittens

Dog vaccinations



## Why the long face?

### Equine Dentistry

Your horses teeth, unlike ours, continue to erupt or grow as they age throughout most of their lives, especially in their early years. They are constantly being worn down as they chew their feed with a grinding action. The upper and lower molars don't grind down at the same rate causing sharp points that can lacerate and ulcerate their gums. This can cause poor exercise performance in your horses, they can drop food, stop eating sometimes and lose weight.

When should your horse have a dental check?

Paddock fed horses 5 years or younger every 6 months, or if older than 5 years, every 12 months. Stable fed horses 5 years or younger every 3-4 months, or if older than 5 years, every 6 months. At Cox Street Vets we focus on providing the very best care and attention to your pets and horses. This means we sedate your horse to keep them relaxed which enables us to do a



thorough examination and dental procedure that will keep your pony smiling.

**In the month of September we are offering 10% discount on all horse dentals!**

### What's the deal with dog vaccinations?

Just like with us, our pets need to have preventative health care to keep them healthy and happy. Visiting your vet at least once a year, even if your pet doesn't look sick, means we can check your pet for early signs of disease. We will make sure their teeth, skin, eyes and ears are healthy and give you any further advice you need as they age. Our pets also need annual vaccinations to prevent life-threatening diseases. Dogs and cats age differently to us so an annual check-up is the

same as us only visiting the doctor every five years or so. It is very important. Vaccinations for your dog will cover them for Parvo virus, Distemper virus, and Hepatitis virus. If your dog needs to be kept in boarding kennels at any stage they will also need the kennel cough vaccination. This will save you time, money and heartache that will come if your pet gets sick from a preventable disease.

### Orthopaedics

One of our experienced veterinarians Lisa Prestwood is currently undertaking further studies to sit memberships in small animal surgery. Lisa has been doing surgeries to repair ruptured ligaments in the knee & hip surgeries for years. This year we can now offer clients more advanced surgical procedures, including fracture repairs.



**At Cox Street Vets we deliver high quality veterinary care as well as exceptional client service.**

**We care for your pets at Cox Street Vets.**