

### **COX STREET VETS QUARTERLY**

Small animal and equine Vet Clinic & Hospital



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# What's new at Cox Street this winter? New vets, new services!

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 to undertake 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 working half at Livestock Logic and half at 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 working full time at Cox Street Vets.

#### **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 auicker. This will mean we can treat quicker and more accurately so we can reunite you with your animals healthy and happy. 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.

"Every dog has his day, unless he loses his tail, then he has a weakend."—June Carter Cash

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### 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 get around at the same rate, however, 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 be done? Paddock fed horses 5 years or younger are seen every 6 months, or older than 5 years, every 12 months. Stable fed horses 5 years or younger are seen every 3-4 months, or 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 quiet and enable 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 will need to be kept in boarding kennels at any stage they will also need the kennel cough vaccination. They will save you time, money and heartache that will come if your pet gets sick from a preventable disease.

## Cuteness Warning! Looking to adopt?

We have a brother and sister, two adorably cute and friendly kittens looking for a new home! Could they be your new family members? Talk to us today to see them!



At Cox St Vets we believe you should expect high quality veterinary care as well as exceptional client service. If you are after a personal approach to the care of your pets, we would love to hear from you.