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**Turramurra Veterinary Hospital**

# August 2016

## **Special Offer for All Dentals in August**

**Receive a Free Bag of Food with Every Dental:** Every pet that has a dental performed this month will receive a complimentary 2kg bag of Royal Canin Dental food - an effective method for preventing the future buildup of calculus. We will also be continuing our usual offer of free dental checks for all pets (by appointment).



A painful mouth from dental disease is THE most common problem we see on a

daily basis at Lullaburra vets, yet most owners are unaware there is a problem with their pet's teeth! Pets don't tell us when their teeth are hurting so it is important for them to be thoroughly checked. Imagine if you never brushed your teeth!

Key signs to watch out for include:

- smelly breath
- dirty teeth and red gums when looking in their mouths
- reluctance to chew bones or hard foods (though many pets will ignore their pain to keep eating their favourite foods)
- discomfort and aggression when examining their mouths

If you have noticed your pet has smelly breath or their teeth aren't the usual pearly white, pick up the phone today, call 9988 0198 and make an appointment for a FREE assessment.

**Click [here](#) for a link to our website for more great information on pets and their troublesome teeth!**

**Or mobile browsers - use this link!**

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**RSPCA Cupcake Day - Monday August 15th**



Help support the fight against animal cruelty with RSPCA Cupcake day at Turrumurra Vets on Monday 15th August. Our staff will be donning their aprons and baking delicious cupcakes and treats, so drop by with your family for a delicious snack! All money raised will go to the RSPCA to help care for the many abandoned, injured, neglected and sick animals who come into their care each year.

### **Royal Canin Pet of the Month – Abbie**



Say Hi to Abbie! She was one of the dogs involved in helping to develop a machine called an Optimeter, which is used to determine if certain dogs are optimists or pessimists. It turns out Abbie certainly fits very much into the 'pessimist' camp – meaning she is very good at worrying about things! Abbie had the pleasure of visiting us last month for a dental procedure to make sure her mouth is as healthy as possible. While she is certainly a pessimist, as you can see in the picture she was back to playing

with her mum in no time! Well done Abbie, and stay positive!

### **Watch out - Ticks About!**



Ticks are still active in the Turrumurra region! We have seen multiple pets with ticks found on them, though thankfully none have progressed to true paralysis as owners have caught them early. So make sure your pet is up to date with their tick prevention – we recommend Nexgard, Bravecto or Advantix for dogs, and Frontline Plus for cats.



Remember these common symptoms of tick paralysis:

- Weak legs and wobbliness
- Coughing and retching
- Vomiting and inappetance
- A change in your pet's bark or meow
- Changes in breathing

If you notice any of these symptoms, call us immediately. Prompt treatment could save your pet's life!

**Click [here](#) to see our own video on tick paralysis, and some handy tick prevention tips.**

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## **Preschool Visit**

Staff from our hospital visited Wahroonga Public School this month to talk to the children about how to be safe around animals, proper animal handling, pet care and nutrition. Dr. Jim and Dr. Noni helped to entertain the children with Nurse Beth and her beautiful Pomeranian Sampson! The children had a great time learning, asking questions and playing with Sampson! :)

We look forward to seeing a new class of children next year!

