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Turramurra Veterinary Hospital

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Hamish Thompson makes his grand entrance!

We are excited to announce that Dr. James Thompson and his wife, Greta, welcomed a healthy baby boy to their growing family on Friday 21st October. Handsome little Hamish is generally behaving himself and is definitely growing quickly! His big brother (Marcus) is now 18 months old and is very intrigued by his new brother.



Royal Canin Pet of the Month

Meet Diesel the beautiful Rottweiler!



It's not just older dogs that get hip dysplasia, young pups like Diesel can get it too! He was only 7 months old when his owner noticed he had started limping and brought him in to us to find out what was wrong. An examination by Dr. Angus found pain in Diesel's hips and x-rays were used to diagnose him with hip dysplasia. This is a condition where the hip joint (a 'ball-and-socket' joint) does not fit together perfectly, resulting in pain and arthritis.

Fortunately for Diesel he is coping well at an age of 18 months with weight control and a strictly controlled exercise plan, however some puppies do require surgical intervention to realign their hips. We will be keeping a close eye on his progress as he keeps maturing and we hope he enjoys his complementary bag of tasty Royal Canin food.

Although any breed can be affected, large breed dogs such as rottweilers, labradors, golden retrievers and german shepherds are most genetically prone to hip dysplasia. Early intervention and treatment is the key to success as there is a limited time window for particular treatments to be performed.

If you are at all concerned with your puppy's legs then it's best to get them assessed by one of our veterinarians sooner rather than later!

Going away for the holidays?



If you are going away these holidays and leaving your pet in another person's care, we urge you to complete a [holiday details form](#) with us.

In the unanticipated event that your pet suffers an illness while you're away, this form ensures you are contactable to be able to discuss your pet's condition and your treatment preferences.

All too often we are presented with an unwell animal where we are unable to proceed with appropriate treatment because we are unable to contact the owner, and the pet minder is not able to make the decision in place of them. This situation is obviously distressing for all parties involved.

Holiday details forms can be downloaded from our desktop PC website ([click here](#)) and dropped off to reception or faxed to us on 9988 0298. Alternatively, drop by and fill one in at reception.

Make sure your pet minder knows your regular vet, plus [NEVS](#) after hours service for emergencies. Also make sure your pet minder knows about tick paralysis and that your tick control is up to date too, especially if you will be holidaying on the coast with your pet.

Pets get heatstroke too!



As we melt our way through the Australian summer, don't let your pet become a victim of heat stroke. Without the right treatment, heat stroke can quickly turn fatal.

Take the following steps to prevent heat stroke:

- NEVER (EVER!!!) leave your pet unattended in the car, not even for a minute. Not even in the shade or on a cool day – the internal temperature of a car can become like an oven in minutes and leaving the windows down doesn't cut it.
- Avoid exercising your pet when it's hot (especially if your pet is flat faced like a pug, or heavy coated like a husky).
- Always provide lots of shade and multiple water sources.
- Consider clipping your pet's coat to help them stay cool.

If you are worried about your pet then seek immediate veterinary attention. If for any reason you can't get your pet to the vet, wet them with cold (not icy) water spray, place an electric fan nearby (under supervision) or put them in an air conditioned room and seek veterinary attention immediately.

No vacation without vaccination



It's your holiday too – and you need to have peace of mind. Before you send your pets off to boarding facilities, make sure that they're up to date with all the vaccinations they require.

They are likely to be in contact with many 'new' cats and dogs, so it's important for their health that they're completely protected.

Please don't leave this to the last minute as the establishment of immune protection takes time!

Remember, check in with us ahead of holiday time!

Earthkids Childcare Fete is on tomorrow, Saturday November 26th and will include a children's petting farm. Earthkids is at North Turrumurra opposite the Bobbin Head Road petrol station. We hope to see you there.
