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**Turramurra Veterinary Hospital**

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## Exciting Extensions Underway at Turramurra Veterinary Hospital

Anyone who has driven past our clinic since August will have noticed building work at the back of the premises. We have outgrown our current space and extensions will allow us to continue to provide the highest level of care for our beautiful patients and their loyal owners well into the future. Our extensions will allow us to provide:



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- extra consulting rooms to keep waiting time to a minimum
- a large, dedicated surgery suite
- deluxe cat boarding for when you AND your cat need a holiday!
- dedicated grooming area
- isolation ward where we can also safely perform chemotherapy for those pets fighting disease
- updated and larger reception area to make it more comfortable for you and your pet when coming to see us

We would like to thank all our wonderful clients for their continued support since our opening in 2006. In the picture above, you can see Dr. James Thompson's dad, Dennis, turning the first sod!

### **Puppy Classes now Open for Enrolment!**



We would like to welcome back our senior nurse and puppy trainer extraordinaire, Katie, from maternity leave, which means puppy preschool is now available for enrolment again!

That cute little puppy got you chasing your tail? Learn all you need to know to survive (and enjoy!) puppyhood, and watch your pup grow into the well behaved adult companion you look forward to.

Our 5 week course is run by Katie Bedrossian, a professional dog trainer from Puppy Prep is perfect for puppies up to 4 months of age (run in an indoor facility suitable for young puppies completing their vaccination course). Call Katie today on 0430 143 958 to book, or call Turramurra Vet Hospital on 9988 0198 with any other questions.

### **Handley Ave School Fete Hamper Winner!**



Congratulations to the Vangi family and their dog Bailey for winning our hamper competition at the Handley Ave School fete in August! Bailey is the lucky winner of a basket full of dog treats, dog toys and some skincare products to keep his coat shiny and luscious! We hope he enjoys his prize and we look forward to seeing him soon!

### **Tasmanian Tiger - Extinct or Not?**



It's been 80 years since the last known *Thylacinus Cynocephalis* (Tasmanian Tiger) died in captivity at Beaumaris Zoo, Hobart 1936. To mark the 80 year anniversary as well as Threaten Species Day, the Thylacine Awareness Group have released footage of a possible Tasmanian Tiger roaming the Adelaide Hills.

Like all Australian mammals, the Tasmanian Tiger's odd features and behaviour captured the worlds attention - with a head like a wolf, striped body like a tiger and backward facing pouch like a wombat. It would stand upright with its front legs in the air, resting its hind legs on the ground and using its tail as a support, exactly the way a kangaroo does. Tasmanian Tigers had even been known to hop for short distances in this position.

So how did they become extinct? When the Europeans Came to Australia the Tasmanian Tiger had already been extinct from the main land and could only be found on the coastal plains of Tasmania. In 1830 the Tasmanian Government released a 1 pound bounty per Tiger skin, and paid 2184 bounties between 1830 and 1909 when the scheme was terminated. In 1933 what is thought to be the last Tasmanian Tiger was captured, by 1936 the species was added to the protected wildlife list and by 1986 was sadly declared internationally extinct. Are they really extinct? Watch the video and see what you think! Hint - the animal captured on the video also bears a close resemblance to a South Australian Fox...

By Cassandra Conaghan - Veterinary Nurse

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gbTqgSK0sw4>

## **My Pet is Vomiting - What Should I Do?**

There are many reasons your pet might vomit. Your pet may have contracted a viral or bacterial gastroenteritis, may have eaten something he shouldn't have or maybe he raided the pantry or bin! Other diseases such as pancreatitis, liver or kidney disease, or even diabetes can all cause vomiting.



So when should YOU be worried?

Generally if your pet has had only one vomit but otherwise appears happy, bright and alert, you should keep a close eye on him over the next 24 hours. It's best to withhold food for a few hours and leave out a small amount of water so your pet can stay hydrated.

If your pet vomits more than once in a short period of time or has any other signs of illness such as lethargy, reduced appetite or diarrhoea, you should call us for advice.

If you ever just feel that something's not quite right with your pet, you should call us on 9988 0198. We are always happy to examine your pet for your peace of mind.

