

Peanut's Paws

The Vet Clinic



PERFECT PET TALES



Meet **ROCKY** the entirely gorgeous cross bred kelpie. Rocky came in to see Dr Claire a short while ago after walking through a puddle of highly caustic chemicals. Luckily, only his back feet were affected, but he had sustained deep and painful caustic burns to the bottoms of both hind paws. Over a period of 6 weeks, Rocky returned to the clinic to have his paws cleaned and dressed every 3 to 7 days. Each time he came to see us, he came in tail wagging, face smiling, and just wandered through to the treatment room and lay down waiting for us. Such a brave doggo! After 6 weeks his hind feet were almost healed! Isn't the body just amazing?! *Before, during, and after photos are below*



Nurse's Top Pics

Skye's beloved cat **Ron(athon)**



Animal Fun Facts

Did you know that an octopus has **THREE** hearts **AND** blue blood?!



NEWS

SUE IS LEAVING US!

Our beautiful Sue B is leaving our clinic and For Pet's Sake families after a whopping 16.5 years!!

Sue is making a sideways step into the home pet care and transport business, so we will be lucky enough to still be able to see her smiling face on a regular basis! Her new venture is called **Jim's Pet Patrol**, and together we envisage a rewarding ongoing relationship.

Sue plans to offer dog walking and home pet care, as well as a pet taxi service to transport pets and/or their owners to and from vet or grooming appointments.

We are so excited for Sue, and whilst we will miss seeing her in her purple or blue scrubs, we look forward to admiring her in her new uniform very soon!

Sue's last day is Saturday September 3rd, so make sure you drop into The Vet Clinic or For Pet's Sake to wish her well!



DISEASE IN FOCUS

Cushing's Disease

- *Cushing's disease (technically called hyperadrenocorticism) is a fairly common disease affecting mostly older dogs*
- *The adrenal glands are located adjacent to the kidneys, and they produce cortisol and some other hormones*
- *In dogs with Cushing's disease, the adrenal glands secrete excessive amounts of cortisol*
- *Excess cortisol leads to many negative and abnormal changes in the body, including:*
 - *Increased intraabdominal fat*
 - *Muscle weakness and wasting*
 - *Pot bellied appearance*
 - *Increased thirst and urination*
 - *Skin thinning*
 - *Panting*
 - *Chronic infections*
 - *Skin mineralisation*
 - *Recurring bladder infections*
 - *Lethargy*
 - *Increased risk of kidney disease, diabetes, high blood pressure, blood clots and other issues*
- *Cushing's disease has three possible underlying causes, but the most common is a tumour on the pituitary gland in the brain. This leads to over-stimulation of the adrenal glands, and hence an increase in cortisol*
- *Other causes are a tumour on one of the adrenal glands, or due to long term administration of steroid medications, especially if given at high doses*
- *Cushing's disease must be confirmed through a series of blood tests in the clinic, and/or an abdominal ultrasound. The physical appearance of most dogs with the disease is usually quite classic for Cushing's, often leading us to suspect it following a physical exam*
- *Without treatment, the disease will lead to a shortened life span*
- *Luckily, Cushing's disease is usually treatable, but does require lifelong medications, dedication from owners, and frequent blood tests*



The Back Side (aka Peanut's Pants)

5 things vets wish pet owners knew ❤️

1

When we have a stethoscope in our ears, we are trying to listen to your pet's chest, so please save any questions or discussions you may have until after we have finished listening!

2

If your pet is on long term medication, it is a legal requirement that they are seen by us AT LEAST ONCE every 6 months in order to continue to have that medication dispensed. For some pets, there may also be a requirement for 3 to 6 monthly blood tests to ensure all is well

3

Most of the time, it is impossible (and illegal) to diagnose your pet, or prescribe medications without seeing and examining your pet in a consultation in the clinic

4

We really do care! Our vets and nurses genuinely care about your pet, and about you! We sincerely want what is best for them, and for yourself. We all try our hardest to get the best outcome for everyone!

5

We do our best to keep costs down, but it costs a lot to run a vet clinic, and our overheads are huge. We make a much smaller profit than you may think!



FUZZY PANTS DOG GROOMING

Another business venture at 24 Murray Street!

Another of our wonderful nurses, Kerrie, is branching out into dog grooming! Along with help from Suzanne, Kerrie has recently launched **Fuzzy Pants Dog Grooming**, located just down the garden path on the same premises as The Vet Clinic and For Pet's Sake, making 24 Murray Street your one stop shop for all things furkiddy!

Kerrie and Suzanne have recently returned from Melbourne where they have now gained full qualifications in dog grooming.

For enquiries, it is best to contact Kerrie through the Fuzzy Pants Facebook page rather than the clinic.

