

# Peanut's Paws

## The Vet Clinic



### PERFECT PETS



Who could go past this litter of Labrador X puppies as this issue's Perfect Pets?! Nurse Skye was loving her puppy pile-on when these squishies came in to see us for their very first vaccinations. Super cute!!

#### *Nurse's Pic of the Month*

Beautiful Barn Owl



#### *Animal Fun Facts*

Cats have 32 muscles in each ear!



## NEWS



Nurse Sarah has been lucky enough to be awarded the chance to volunteer her excellent nursing skills in Fiji!

One of only three students selected for the volunteer programme, Sarah will travel to Nadi in late September all expenses paid, to work with Animals Fiji providing desexing outreach projects around the islands.

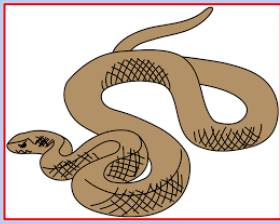
Dr Claire did much the same thing with Animals Fiji for 3 months in 2019, and can highly recommend the experience!

Well done Sarah!! We look forward to lots of photos!



## DISEASE IN FOCUS

### Snakebite!!



It's that time of year again when snakes are beginning to show themselves. Here are the signs that mean your pet may have been bitten

- Sudden collapse with or without vomiting, salivation, diarrhoea
- Apparent recovery from collapse, where pet appears to be normal (in dogs, this period is very short, only around 10-60 minutes; in cats this period may last up to 24 hours)
- The following signs are then progressive, and are very rapid in dogs (over a period of several minutes), and gradual in cats:
  - Hind leg weakness, then paralysis, progressing to paralysis of all four limbs
  - Dilated pupils
  - Inability to blink
  - Inability to swallow
  - Rapid and shallow breathing
  - May see loss of bladder and bowel control
  - May see blood in urine
  - May see salivation

#### TAKE HOME MESSAGE

**Snakebite is an emergency!**

**Do NOT wait!**

**Dogs die quickly (can be instant!)**

**Cats take longer (usually 12-24 hours)**

## The Back Side (aka Peanut's Pants)

**What would YOU like to see us cover in the next issue?**

Tell us what information you would like!

- *Send us an email!*
- *Tell us over the phone!*
- *Send us a text message!*
- *Comment on a facebook post!*
- *Tell us in person at the clinic!*
- *Leave us a note!*

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**NEW!!**

### Nurse Sarah's Weight Loss Programme

Sarah has a special interest in pet nutrition, and will be running our new weight clinics.

The programme is 100% free of charge!  
Contact Nurse Sarah at the clinic today!

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