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### Bayview Veterinary Surgery

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### Our Vets

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Dr Rachel Hansen (BVSc Hons)

Dr Bruce Lamond (BVM&S, MRCVS)

**Our Nurses** – Alice Bassett, Emily Robb, Ann Johnson, Rachael Hultgren, Rebecca Royds, Kirsty Williams, Olivia Townsend, Zoe Tweddle, Samantha Douma, Leigh Butler, Deb Blanco.

### Clinic Hours

The clinic can be contacted between 8am-6pm Mon-Fri, and between 8am-1pm in Saturdays.

### After Hours

For Emergencies after hours call 4125 2788

## Vaccinations

**This month we would like to encourage all pet owners to check their pet is up-to-date with their vaccinations.**

For dogs in particular, the warm summer months of Hervey Bay means Parvovirus is prevalent in the area. Parvovirus is highly contagious and can be life threatening for your dog. The virus can be transmitted when humans, animals or an object comes in contact with an infected dog's faeces. The virus attacks a dog's gastrointestinal tract and white blood cells and can affect the cardiovascular system. Symptoms to look out for are vomiting, putrid-smelling diarrhea, lethargy, loss of appetite, and dehydration. It's very easy for an unvaccinated dog to contract the virus from public areas such as parks and footpaths where the traffic flow of dogs is high. The virus is extremely resistant to heat, detergents and alcohol, and can live in the environment for up to a year after an infected dog has been in the area. Vaccinations are given yearly and are a great opportunity for your pet to have a health check. Remember 1 year of your pet's life is comparable to 7 human years so their annual health check is very important!!!

If your dog is not up-to-date with their vaccines or you have a puppy who has not yet completed their 3 puppy vaccines, they may be at risk. Even if they do not socialize with other dogs or go to public areas they can still contract the virus through shoes, clothing and objects that have come in contact with the virus.

## Wildlife Rescue

Over 450 wildlife treated in 2017!!!

**Bayview Vets plays an important role in the care and rehabilitation of birds and other wildlife in Hervey Bay. Our vets volunteer their time and all expenses are covered by the clinic and we also take donations for our wildlife fund at reception.**

If you find a bird...

- It may have just fallen from its nest and its parents may be in the area. It can be returned to its nest or to a safe spot in a nearby tree. Sometimes it is best to leave them where they are if they are in no immediate danger so their parents can find them.
- If the bird/possum is unwell or injured keep it still, quiet and warm in a box with air holes, as they stress easily. You can contact wildlife rescue or bring it to the clinic for care.
- Upon arrival to our clinic one of our nurses will discuss where the wildlife was found, and what you know of its condition. We will always endeavour to return it to the original area after rehabilitation.
- One of our wonderful veterinarians will conduct a health check on the animal to establish if it needs treatment and medication or rest before it is delivered to wildlife rescue for rehabilitation.

In some unfortunate circumstances the animal can be ill with a virus and be at risk of infecting further wildlife. Some animals will never be able to return to the wild due to their injuries. In these cases the animal is humanely euthanised.

## 5 Minutes with Bre



Dr Breanna Cooper

You have probably all met and love our Veterinarian Dr Bre who has been with us for 3 years now. She has a huge heart when it comes to all animals (without scales) and your pets can expect lots of kisses and cuddles when they come for a visit!!

**Where did you grow up?** I've always lived in Hervey Bay!

**Where did you study Vet Science?** University of Queensland in Gatton

**When did you know you wanted to be a vet?** As long as I can remember. In grade one I drew a picture of myself as a veterinarian.

**What pets do you have at home?** 3 very spoiled dogs!! 2 Border Collies - Ruby and Diego and a Cattle Dog called Squid

**Why you love living in Hervey Bay?** The beach. I love paddle boarding and anything that involves being outside.

**What would you be if you weren't a vet?** A Full time dog mum!!

## Product of the Month



### Aloveen shampoo and conditioner

We absolutely love love love these products!! We slather our pets in this product because it smells soooooo good!! They can be used at any age on dogs, puppies, cats and kittens, and will moisturise the skin leaving the coat soft and fragrant.

**Aloveen Shampoo** - Is soap free to retain their natural coat oils and is great for pets with allergies and itchy skin.

**Aloveen Conditioner** - Is designed to be left on the coat and can be used between bathing. It moisturizes and soothes the skin and leaves the coat feeling soft and cuddly.

## Clinic Photos - Christmas Party!!



Our awesome team at El Puertos Restaurant!!

(with our secret Santa mugs)

Below left: Rachael, Zoe and Sam. Below right: Alice, Austin Bronwyn and Kirsty

