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Dr Bruce Lamond (BVM&S, MRCVS)

**Our Nurses** – Alice Bassett, Emily Robb, Ann Johnson, Rachael Hultgren, Rebecca Royds, Kirsty Williams, Olivia Townsend, Zoe Tweddle, Carly Dunning-Giles, 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

## 'Tis the season

Welcome to our first ever 'Bayview Bulletin' monthly newsletter. Not only will we keep you updated on seasonal precautions and new information, but also the general happenings at the clinic, and of course our pet and product of the month.

It's hard not to get excited when the cold weather starts giving in to the beautiful warm summers in Hervey Bay, BUT with the warm weather comes those horrible little creatures called Paralysis Ticks that we need to be very wary of!!! Also with Christmas fast approaching comes the wafting smells of all the delicious (but very bad for our pets) treats that become just way too tempting for our furry friends. We'd also like to introduce you to our newest Veterinarian Bruce, who we sat down with for a quick five minute chat. Bruce will join Bayview Vets at the end of November, be sure to pop in and say hi!

We hope you all have a safe and happy Christmas and a wonderful New Year!!

## Christmas No No's for your Dog!

## BE AWARE THIS CHRISTMAS

 Mushrooms	 Grapes & raisins	 Mince Pies	 Cooked bones & fatty foods
 Onions & Garlic	 Christmas Cake	 Peanuts & Macadamia nuts	 Christmas Decorations
 Chocolate	 Christmas pudding	 Alcohol	 Peach & Nectarine Stones
 Sugar	<b>ARE ALL</b>		
<b>POISONOUS OR HARMFUL</b>			
<b>TO DOGS</b>			



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## 5 Minutes with Bruce!



Dr Bruce Lamond

You may or may not have already met our Scottish locum Bruce, who has been working with us on and off this year while he travels Australia. Bruce has now decided to make Hervey Bay and Bayview Vets his new home, and we couldn't be more excited!!

**Where did you grow up?** I grew up in a small village near St Andrews in Scotland.

**Where did you study Vet Science?** I studied Veterinary Medicine at the university of Edinburgh in Scotland and graduated in 2013. I then worked at a busy small animal practice on the south coast of England for 3 years before coming to Australia.

**How long have you been travelling Australia?** Since January but this is actually my fifth time visiting Australia.

**Favourite thing about Hervey Bay?** The wonderful staff and clients at Bayview of course!!

**Favourite place in Australia?** The Daintree Rainforest!

**Favourite animal?** The Echidna

## Its Paralysis Tick season!!

The Paralysis tick (*Ixodes holocyclus*) is one of 75 species of tick, however it is the most medically important. It can cause paralysis by injecting neurotoxins into its host. It is most commonly found along the eastern coastline of Australia including Hervey Bay. The natural hosts for the paralysis tick are Koalas, bandicoots, possums and Kangaroos which is why areas like Dundowran, Craignish, Toogoom, Booral and River Heads are most at risk. Unfortunately your pets are also considered the perfect host for these parasites and they are a nasty lethal danger to dogs and cats.

Symptoms of a paralysis tick on your pet will consist of weakness in the back legs which will progress to all four legs. If not treated the throat and chest muscles will become affected...which can be fatal. Symptoms to look out for are wobbly legs, panting, regurgitation and muscle weakness.

A daily tick search is the best option to ensure your pet is safe from these nasty creatures. There are also some great and easy products that are out now that will kill a paralysis tick if it becomes attached to your dog.

Please come and have a chat with the girls at reception who are more than happy to work out the best prevention product for your pet which can be used safely to ensure your pet has a great summer!!



## PRODUCT OF THE MONTH

### **NEXGARD FOR DOGS - ONCE A MONTH, KILLS FLEAS AND TICKS**

Nexgard flea and tick treatment comes in a tasty, beef flavoured chew. The oral treatment also means no restrictions on swimming or bathing after treatment.

**KILLS FLEAS** - Fleas can be irritating for your dog, causing itching, scratching and biting of the skin and coat. Failing to treat your dog can also lead to infestations in your home.

**KILLS TICKS** - Including the deadly paralysis tick.

Effective flea and tick control is now as simple as giving your dog one nexgard chew, once a month. They come in singles and in packs of 3 and 6, speak to your vet clinic today!

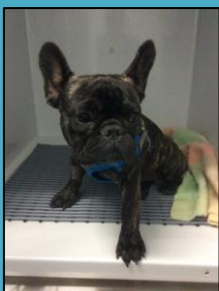


## Clinic Photos



Top to bottom: Nurse Deb with an armful of happiness, Dr Sheyne with his new scaly friend, Nurse Rachael getting pug kisses and Nurse Ann, Dr Sheyne and Dr Rachel with a long visitor who was safely returned to the wild.

## Star of the Month!



NAME:  
Theo  
BREED:  
French Bull Dog  
AGE:  
6 months  
REASON FOR  
VISIT:  
Desexing

## Are you over feeding your pet??

It can be so easy to overindulge your pets with treats, if you have an overweight pet, this guide from Hills Nutrition may help you discover why!!



### Dog Treat Translator

A cookie or a piece of cheese may seem like a little treat, but it's like a whole meal for dogs.

**Too many unhealthy snacks can add up fast!**

**Snacks & Scraps**  
(as fed to a 20 lb dog)

**Human Caloric Equivalent**  
(average size woman)



Just one little cookie



1 oz piece of cheddar cheese



One hot dog  
(If used as training treats,  
cut into tiny pieces)



### Cat Treat Translator

A cup of milk or a piece of cheese may seem like a little treat, but it's like a whole meal for cats.

**Too many unhealthy snacks can add up fast!**

**Snacks & Scraps**  
(as fed to a 10 lb cat)

**Human Caloric Equivalent**  
(average size woman)



Just one potato chip



1 oz piece of cheddar cheese

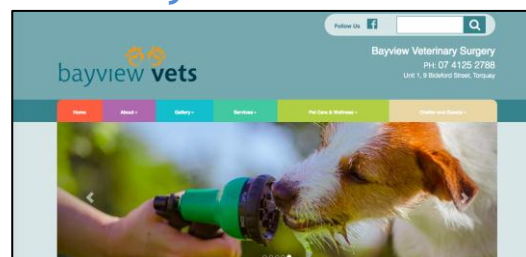


One cup whole milk  
(causes weight gain and upset tummy!)



## Have you seen our new website??

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*We would like to thank you for your  
loyalty and support this year.*

*Instead of giving out Christmas cards  
to our clients, Bayview Vets will  
make donations to:*

*We care 2  
Precious Wings and  
Pets in crisis*

*We wish all our wonderful pets and  
pet's parents a very Merry Christmas  
and a happy, healthy New Year.*

*Bayview Vets Team xo*

