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SERVICES:

Did you know we also do Grooming? Book your tick clip now!

We also have a Puppy Preschool class to help you train your new arrival.

We have onsite blood testing for your pets health.

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PRACTICE NEWS

Our great staff!

Our Cooranbong and Bonnells Bay Animal Hospitals would like to introduce some of our great team!

Dr Su Mi Choung is our permanent full time veterinarian. Su Mi, a recent graduate, is familiar with the latest practices in veterinary medicine. Su Mi has one years experience in mixed practice. Su Mi lives with her cat Nabbi.

Dr Julz Gallagher is one of our new part-time veterinarians. Julz has worked in mixed practice for 2 years and equine practice for 1 year. Julz also teaches equine veterinary nurses at TAFE.

Dr Anna Angeliewa is another of our new part-time veterinarians. Anna

has more than 5 years experience in small animal and exotic animal practice. She has worked in England, Germany, USA and Australia. She has a PhD in Veterinary Science in bone metabolism and primate nutrition.

Dr Kate Bower is our 3rd new part-time veterinarian. She has joined the practice with 3 years small animal medical and surgical experience. Kate has recently completed a PhD in Veterinary Science in microbiology. Kate lives with her dogs, Zoe and Chase and cat, Billie.

Katie Johnson joins our team of passionate veterinary nurses at Bonnells Bay. Katie has over 6 years experience as a small animal veterinary nurse. She has a menagerie of horses, dogs, cats and

birds at her family home in Scone and two horses and 3 budgies locally.

Jacinda Wilson joins our customer relations team at Cooranbong. Jacinda has retail experience and is currently studying veterinary nursing at TAFE. Jacinda has a budgie, ferrets Minka & Didge and dog Jake.

Melain Ayoub

Mel joins us as an animal attendant. Mel has a wealth of experience handling animals growing up with 9 cats and 6 dogs as well as numerous birds. Mel loves grooming and is now available for all your



grooming needs including tick clips!

1 year anniversary of surgical success!

Nicole underwent major heart surgery a year ago. She has recovered well and is celebrating her one year anniversary of the successful surgery with Andrew on their first ever cruise! Thank you all for your understanding and wonderful thoughts and prayers throughout this time. It really means a lot to us.



HOT PETS — HEAT STRESS

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Coming into the warmer months, it is very important to ensure your pets do not overheat. Heat stress can happen quickly and be fatal. Unlike humans, dogs and cats do not sweat. They pant to lower their body temperature.

Prevention is the key!
Please ensure you provide your pet with:

- Fresh water at all times
- Cool, shaded areas to rest

If you suspect your pet is suffering from Heat Stress please call our Hospital for advice as soon as possible— Don't delay!!!

Signs of Heat Stress include:

- Excessive panting
- Salivating
- Vomiting
- Diarrhoea
- Increased heart rate
- Seizures or strange behaviour
- Overly red or purple gums
- Coma or even death within a few hours

Avoid:

- **Leaving your dog or cat in your car is illegal.**

The law states it is illegal to leave an animal unattended in a vehicle, without adequate shade and ventilation being provided. This is one of the major causes of heat stress in Australia.

Also avoid walking or jogging your dog in the hottest part of the day (11am—3pm)

Some Cool Tips!

- Freeze cups of water and put in your pets water bowl
- Doggie Ice Blocks - fill a plastic container or ice cream tub with water or a gravy broth add chopped up meat and veggies and freeze. This is great treat to give to your dog as you leave for work and also



a good boredom buster.

- Children's Clam shell pools are also used by pet owners to keep their dogs cool. Fill one side with water for your dog to play or relax in and the other with sand and bury toys/treats for them to discover as they dig.

WATCH OUT, TICKS ABOUT!

Along with the hot weather, spring time and summer comes tick season. This dangerous parasite can be fatal to your dog or cat.

Paralysis ticks are common throughout this area particularly in long grasses and bushy areas.

They cause a progressive paralysis usually starting with

the weakness in the back legs, progressing to involve the muscles used to swallow and breathe.

Tick Paralysis is treatable with early treatment producing the best results—Don't delay if you think your pet might have tick paralysis.



TICK PRODUCTS

We supply effective tick preventative products:

FRONTLINE™ Spot

on can be used on dogs every 2 weeks for tick prevention

FRONTLINE™ Spray can be used on both dogs and cats

ADVANTIX™ Top spot can

be used on dogs every 2 weeks for tick prevention. Do not use on cats—It's toxic.

PREVENTIC™ Tick Collars need to be changed every 8 weeks. (Change more often if your pet swims)

Don't forget to check your pet daily for ticks, particularly around the head and ears.

DOGS CAN BE HEROES TOO!

You can save a dog's life by registering your dog as a potential Blood Donor today!

Kash McCreedy (pictured right) is one of our life saving blood donors.

Please contact us if you would like more information.

Remember, Dogs can be heroes too!



KASH MCCREEDY

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