

# Care Vet Group newsletter

ISSUE 1

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## Hugh's News

Welcome to Kaori, Daniel, Carol and Brooke who have joined our team as Veterinarians. Each of these new team members possess great passion for the care and wellbeing of your pets accompanied by their skills and knowledge we are both proud and privileged to have them.

We have appointed a new management team consisting of Anita (that you all know and love) as our Financial Manager, Rebecca as our Business Manager and Danielle and Georgie as our Veterinary Nurse Coordinators. We also farewell Nelly (Chandlers Veterinary Receptionist) as she pursues her love for horses to work along side Max Wilson as a Equine Veterinary Nurse – Good luck and congratulations!

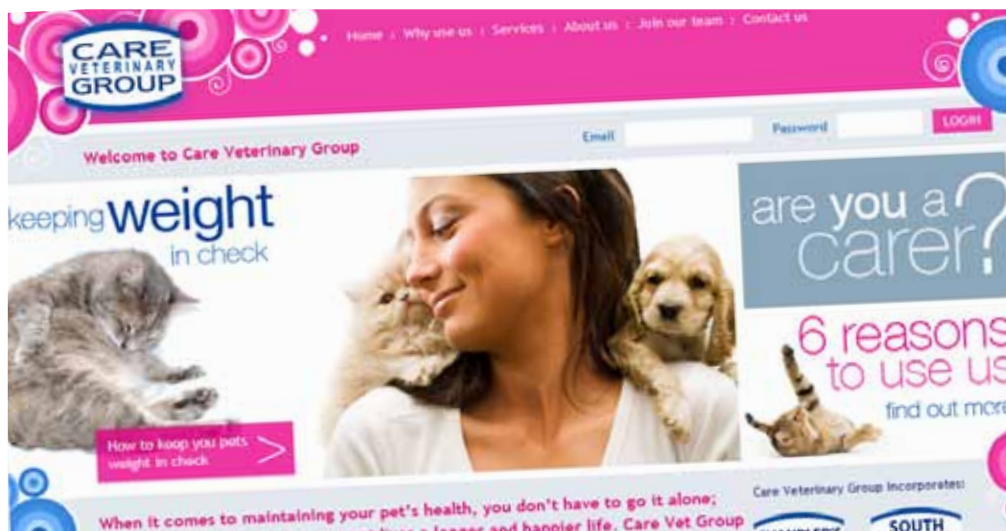
In turn we welcome Rachel who has joined our team as a full time Veterinary Receptionist at South Toowoomba. Rachel is currently studying her Certificate IV in Veterinary Nursing.

## new website live

Care Vet Group has a **FANTASTIC** new web site outlining our team, services and some preferred providers. This web site is very new and will constantly undertake change to highlight the latest news and events. Please visit [www.carevetgroup.com.au](http://www.carevetgroup.com.au) and watch this space!

Care Veterinary Group is dedicated to the education and service of our most valuable asset – YOU, our clients.

Watch our website and look out for our newsletter to gain education regarding your pets wellness by our featured articles and up and coming "focus" on health care and prevention topics about specific Veterinary conditions as well as a support group for clients of animals with severe/ chronic conditions. Keep your eyes peeled to our web page which will outline up and coming events!



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# grooming gossip



As most of you may be aware we have re-located our Grooming to South Toowoomba Vets. By doing so, we have created a dedicated grooming area where our grooming guests are able to enjoy their day in alfresco style instead of being "housed" with our in-house patients. We have also introduced a policy that requires all of our visiting patients to being immunised with the recommended vaccine, a C5 for dogs and an F3 for cats. This is in the interest and wellbeing of all patients admitted to Care Veterinary Group. Exceptions will be allowed under Veterinary authority for aged and/or ill patients.

## wellness tip tick season

Summer and the holiday seasons have washed upon us once again, so our attention is shifting towards the family trip to the beach and afield. However the summer storms also herald the return of the Tick season to Toowoomba and South East Queensland, requiring an elevated vigilance for our pets.

The Paralysis Tick (*Ixodes holocyclus*) is a parasite commonly found on native animals such as bandicoots. Ticks are common in areas of native bushland or long grasses. The tick will attach to our pet and commence feeding. Classic signs of tick paralysis are usually not seen until the tick has been feeding for between 2-5 days.

The usual signs will include:

- Anxiety, depression or lethargy
- In-coordination, extending to inability to walk in hind legs
- Changes in vocalization (i.e. different bark)
- Vomiting/regurgitation
- Anorexia
- Inability to swallow
- Respiratory distress
- Complete paralysis
- Sudden death

The two cornerstones to effective tick treatment is early detection and prevention. If you live or walk your dog in an area with native bushland (especially if bandicoots are present) then daily tick searching is the single greatest prevention of tick paralysis. Several days will pass between the time the tick attaches and the development of paralysis.

If you find a tick on your dog, it is advisable to remove it immediately. This can be done either with tweezers, or specialized tick removers such as the Tick Twister®. Be sure to remove ALL parts of the tick. If the mouthparts are left behind, they can cause a nasty foreign body reaction! Once you have removed the tick, place it in a small container and bring both your dog AND the tick to your veterinarian.

Prevention of tick paralysis can be achieved with many different products. These will vary from tablets (such as Proban®), to the spot-on treatments like Frontline® or Advantix®.

If you think your dog may be at risk from tick paralysis, or you would like to know more about preventing this condition, please feel free to contact our practice at any time.

## My Dog / My Cat

What do we have in common? You and I are both pet lovers and animal advocates that care about the health and wellbeing of our "hairy soul mates".

This is why we encourage our clients to insure their pets, so that when the time comes and the pet is in need of medical/surgical attention, often being quite expensive we can relax and forget the dollars and allow the vets to talk to you about how they can make your pet better, not the cost of getting them better.

Please feel free to share your "real life" stories with us.

Did you know that there is a Pet Insurance that covers 100% of Veterinary Costs? Visit our website on [www.carevetgroup.com.au](http://www.carevetgroup.com.au) and check out "services – our providers" or call Bow Wow Meow Pet Insurance on 1800 668 502.



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