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# Church St Vet Hospital

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## Veterinary Facilities

- Digital X-rays
- In house laboratory for on the spot results
- Cat boarding
- Diagnostic Ultrasound
- Equine reproduction
- Lameness examinations
- Small animal surgery and dentistry

## STAFF CORNER

We have had a lot to celebrate in our practice recently :)

Our Nurse Jo has welcomed a little baby girl 'Bonnie' into her family and is currently taking some leave.

Our Vet Joseph was recently married to Jenny and they enjoyed a break in sunny QLD.

Our Nurse Chloe recently become engaged and is currently busy with wedding plans.

**Congratulations to everyone!**

## SPRING PARASITES

### KNOW YOUR ENEMIES!

With spring time upon us it is important to think about parasite prevention in our pets. There are a number of internal and external parasites that can affect our animals and some can even be harmful to us as well.

### INTERNAL PARASITES:



Some of the most common external parasites are



the parasite life cycle and avoid them from breeding up in the environment around your pet. While parasites are only small they can have an enormous impact on the health of an animal which can lead to costly treatments and medications. We have a large range of preventative products available and our staff can help you to choose

Preventative treatment is definitely far better than some of the severe effects these parasites can take on our pet's health. It is essential to be compliant with preventative treatment to break

one that will be not only effective but easy to administer and comply with. We can also do some simple testing in-clinic to determine the parasite burden that your pet may already have. Ask our staff to place a reminder on your pet's file so we may help you in keeping them parasite free!

## SPRING REPTILES!

It is important to be aware that snakes are already about and are stirring. If you and your pet enjoy walking through the bush, if you live a rural or semi-rural area, or live close to creeks or dams, check that the "stick" lying on the ground is actually a stick.

Clinical signs of snake bite include a rapidly ascending paralysis, dilated unresponsive pupils, vomiting, blood breakdown leading to pale gums and blood in urine and DEATH.

Death can be as rapid as 15-30 minutes if the animal has had a bite in an area with a good blood supply, for eg the face when a dog tries to bite the snake.



If your pet is bitten it will require immediate treatment. Antivenom is very expensive and if your pet has received a large dose of venom, it may not be enough. If you live in a snake prone area remember vigilance is the most important thing. Keep your pet clear of snakes. This can be achieved by keeping grass cut in and around yards.

# Snake Bite

