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Autumn Newsletter 2019

Clinic News

We are sad to announce that our lovely Dr. Erin Cassie is leaving us to go on her OE to the UK. We wish her all the best for her travels. She will be missed!

On a happier note, we're excited to announce that Veterinarian Dr. Claire Bennett will be starting with us in March. Claire qualified from Massey University in 2010 and is looking forward to meeting all her new patients on the Hibiscus Coast.

Pet Insurance



It's always a relief when we find out an unwell or injured pet is insured. This enables us to consider all treatment options without being limited by finance.

This is why we strongly encourage pet insurance. We encourage anyone getting a new pet to research the plans available to find what suits your pet. Remember to ask what each plan includes and excludes. The sooner the better – once your pet has been treated for a condition it will be excluded from insurance.

What's more – Southern Cross Pet Insurance offers up to \$1,500 of **FREE puppy & kitten health cover for 6 weeks** for pets between 6 and 20 weeks old! Just ask at reception when you bring your puppy or kitten in for their first vet check and we'll sign you up.

Your Team

Vets:

- Dr Emma Gerber BVSc
- Dr Shanti Scott BVSc
- Dr Monique Veen DVM
- Dr Claire Bennett BVSc

Nurses:

- Eileen Mowatt DipVN
- Amber Corney DVN
- Bethany Glen DVN
- Joanna Lea DVN
- Jaskarn Singh BVT
- Vanessa Gillard DVN
- Bubbles Otway CVN
- Sharron McColl (student)
- Kendall Wilton (student)

6 WEEKS FREE HEALTH COVER
for new puppies and kittens*

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Dr Monique Veen DVM

Veterinarian



Monique is our manager as well as one of our four veterinarians at Whangaparaoa Vets.

How long have you been at WGP Vets for?

After working in the UK for 15 years and setting up a small animal and equine clinic there I came to New Zealand in 2008.

What do you love about your job?

I enjoy making the clinic work smoothly. We have a fantastic team of vets and nurses. It is great to work with this team, treating ill and injured animals and seeing them go home with happy owners.

What do you do in your spare time?

My husband, three children, two dogs and cat keep me on my toes!

What is your favourite food?

'Erwtensoep' and 'poffertjes': typical Dutch treats.

Dental Disease

Dental disease in our four-legged companions is very common. It occurs when bacteria in the mouth cause tartar to build up - this can develop into gingivitis, periodontal disease, and it can affect internal organs if infection enters the blood stream.

Preventative care like daily brushing or feeding a diet designed to prevent build-up of tartar is recommended, but any pre-existing tartar will need a dental treatment under anaesthetic. This involves ultrasonic scaling to remove plaque, tartar and debris as well as polishing to smooth the teeth. The gums are also examined for excess depth indicating tooth infection.

If you are concerned about your pets teeth you're welcome to make an appointment for a free nurse dental check by phoning us on 09 424 7752.

BEFORE treatment



AFTER treatment



Free small bag of Hill's T/D with dog dentals!

We recommend brushing or feeding a diet specifically made to reduce the build-up of tartar. A great time to start is after a dental treatment to maintain those new pearly whites! That's why we are giving away a small bag of canine Hill's Prescription Diet T/D FREE with dog dental scale and polish treatments until the end of March!

Promotions

- FREE small bag of **Hill's Prescription Diet Canine T/D** with any dog dental until the end of March!
- Purchase a **Seresto flea collar** and get \$10 off (Feb & March).
- FREE frisbee or cat wand gift with purchase with **Hill's Metabolic** range, to encourage more play time!
- Buy three get one FREE on **Hill's Science Diet cat food** pouches! (on full cartons or single pouches).



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