



SUMMER NEWSLETTER  
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# Bowral Veterinary Hospital

## Taking your dog to the beach this Summer?

Most dogs love to go to the beach over summer to enjoy the sun, sand and water as well as the company of other dogs.

If you plan to take your dog to the beach this summer, make sure their vaccination and heartworm treatment are up to date, as well as their flea and tick prevention. Bowral Vet Hospital stocks products to make this all stress free for you, such as a yearly C5 vaccination and yearly Proheart injection for heartworm prevention, as well as spot on or chews for flea and tick treatment, such as Bravecto or Nexgard.

Some tips to ensure maximum fun and safety at the beach are:

- Choose a dog friendly beach – research on line before you leave
- Teach your dog to swim
- Ensure there is fresh water and shade, or take a bottle of water and a bowl
- Look out for dangers in the sand
- Finish up with a good rinse in fresh water and take a towel for a good rub down before the trip home



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### Bowral Veterinary Hospital

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### Opening Hours:

Monday—Friday 8:30am-5:30pm

Saturday: 9am-1pm

Sunday: 10am-12pm

### After hours service:

Veterinary assistance is available 24/7 at Bowral Vets. To contact the on call veterinarian simply phone the clinic and a message will provide you with the on call veterinarians mobile number.

### Our Vets:

- Dr Grant Poolman BVSc, MVSc
- Dr Angus Hayes BVSc, MVSc
- Dr Kate Eppleston BVSc (Hons 1)
- Dr Lucy Parker BVSc (merit)
- Dr Sophie May BVetBiol, BVetSc
- Dr Tim Westwood BVSc
- Dr Marea Eldridge BVSc

### Our Support staff:

- Practice manager—Angela Ireland
- Reception—Emma D'Arcy
- Nurses—Renee Masters-Gilroy, Shanay Toth, Madison Porter, Teresa Harvey, Melissa Rees, Erin Freaney, Brodie Warry

## **Meet our new staff member**

### **Dr Marea Eldridge**

Some of our long standing clients would remember Marea working here back in 2009. Marea graduated from Sydney University in 1990 and has lived and worked in the Southern Highlands for over 30 years.

Marea is particularly interested in veterinary medicine including behavioural medicine. Those of you who remember Marea would remember her tremendous veterinary knowledge and experience in many areas, as well as her great manner with clients and patients alike.

Outside of work, Marea enjoys bushwalking, mountain biking and gardening and she tries to go camping and fishing as often as she can.

Marea is working Wednesdays and Thursdays as well as some weekends. Please join us in making her feel welcome to be back in Bowral.



#### **Did you know?**

- Crickets have ears on their front legs
- Frogs have ear drums on the outside of their heads
- Snakes always keep their eyes open, even when they are asleep



## **SNAKE SEASON**

Following on from the near plague proportions of rats that we have experienced this year, there are now a large number of well fed snakes in our area. Every year in Australia over 6,000 pets are bitten by a snake (Royal Canin). If your pet does get bitten, keep them as still as possible and get them to a vet ASAP. Time is a factor in determining whether they will survive.

To keep your pets as safe as possible this summer, there are a number of things you can do in your own backyard:

- Keep walkways and garden areas clear
- Keep lawns mowed and well maintained
- Clean up any spilled food or bird seed that may attract rodents and therefore snakes
- Store firewood away from the house
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**If you see a snake near your house and need to have it relocated, phone Ray the snake catcher on 0400 734 225**



### **Staff Pet Profile**

**Name:** Taco

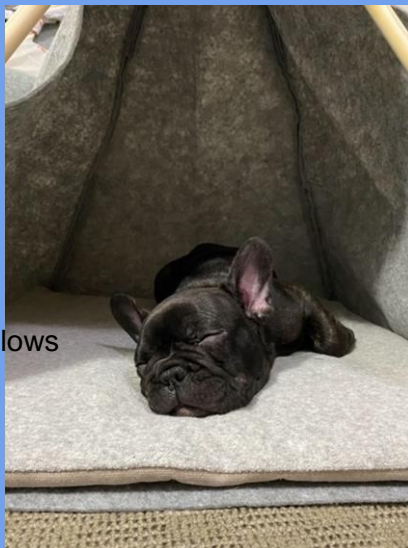
**Owner:** Madison

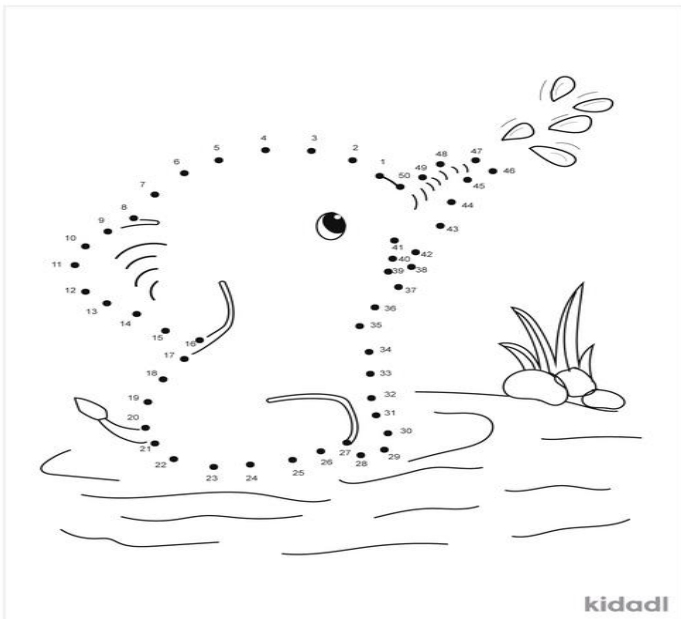
**Breed:** French Bulldog

**Age:** 5 months

**Hobbies:** Playing with drink bottles

**Bad Habits:** Chewing on pillows





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