



WINTER NEWSLETTER
JUNE 2021

Bowral Veterinary Hospital

Dr Grant Poolman celebrates 20 years at BVH!

Grant Poolman is one of the owners of Bowral Veterinary Hospital. He came to the practice from lecturing at Charles Sturt in Wagga Wagga, after having had a practice before that in Pennant Hills.

Grant's interests are social interaction with the vet hospital staff and clients.

Outside of work Grant likes to go for walks with his Giant Schnauzer, Axel.

Next time you see Grant around the hospital please feel free to congratulate him on his dedication and loyalty to the clients and pets of the Southern Highlands.



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 Stephanie Gan BVSc

Our Support staff:

- Practice manager—Angela Ireland
- Reception—Emma D'Arcy
- Nurses—Renee Masters-Gilroy, Shanay Toth, Madison Porter, Teresa Harvey, Margerita Pietilainen, Melissa Rees. Sarah Gillies-Klanecek

What's in this seasons newsletter?

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Congratulations
Grant

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Cold time of
the year

Meet our new staff members

Dr Stef Gan

Stef qualified from Sydney Uni in 2020. She has moved to the Southern Highlands to join us and looks forward to meeting all our clients and their lovely pets.



Sarah Gillies-Klanecek

Sarah has joined our nursing team. Sarah comes from Balgownie and has many years experience. Sarah has pets of her own including 4 cats, 2 dogs and 1 horse. Outside of work Sarah enjoys horse riding, swimming and shopping.

Sophie Stephens



Sophie completed her Certificate III in Vet Nursing with us and is now working as part of the nursing team as she completes her Certificate IV. Sophie has a Border Collie x Poodle called Ruby and her interests are spending time at the beach, going for walks and socializing with friends.

Did you know?

- There are 1 million ants for every human in the world
- Reindeer eyeballs turn blue in winter to help them see at lower light levels
- The leg bones of a bat are so thin that no bat can walk



WHAT SHOULD YOU LOOK OUT FOR THIS TIME OF YEAR?

There are a few conditions that affect pets particularly in the colder weather that we can help them with. Some of the most common that we see are:

- 1) Arthritis – as the weather cools, you may notice that your pet has trouble walking when they first get up in the morning or just have trouble getting around in general. They may have a stiff legged walk or be hunched up. To help with this we would recommend having your pet inside at night where it's warm or if they are outside to make sure they have a warm coat and a warm kennel with bedding for them to snuggle up in. Some dogs are well adapted for cold conditions but some need special attention such as French Bulldogs.



- 2) Gastric Torsion – we see more cases of GDV in the cold weather. This condition affects deep chested dogs such as Boxers, Great Danes and GSP's. It does appear to be exacerbated where dogs are fed dry food at night then drink cold water, making their stomachs twist. Be aware of symptoms such as restlessness, salivation and pain.
- 3) Fleas don't hibernate or become inactive when the weather gets cold. While fleas cannot survive freezing temperatures for very long, they are opportunistic and will find a host in a warm environment and hold on for as long as possible. Cold temperatures don't kill flea eggs either; they will just slow down the life cycle. Flea eggs can hatch throughout the winter.

Fleas will enter your home on your household pets like dogs and cats. Once inside, they will continue to breed, infesting your pets, their bedding, carpets, couch cushions, and more. They will stay indoors as long as possible to take advantage of the warm temperatures and readily available food source. Female fleas will feed on a pet's blood, mate, and lay eggs within 24 to 36 hours. They can lay up to 50 eggs per day for up to 3 months. Fleas can pose serious health issues for both your pets and your family. The best way to avoid a flea infestation is to practice good flea prevention measures year-round. Ask our friendly staff for the best flea prevention treatment for your pet today.

Staff Pet Profile

Name: Cooper and Pipp

Owner: Shanay

Breed: Huntaway and Labrador

Age: 4 years

Hobbies: Playing with toys and going for walks

Bad Habits: Stealing the TV remote!

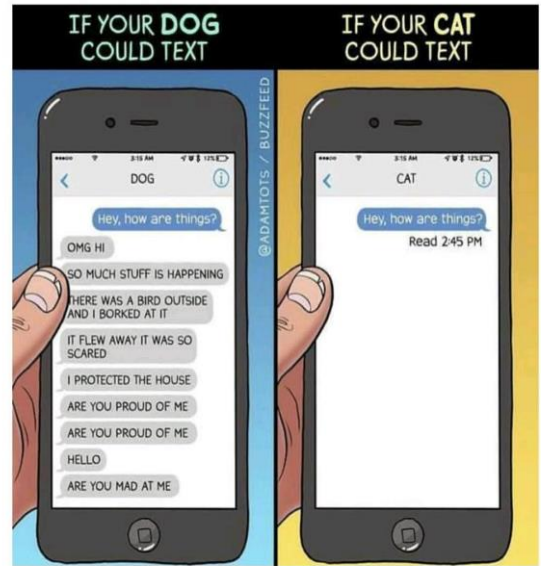
Pipp also likes to carry her empty food bowl around



CAN YOU PICK THE WINNERS OF OUR INAUGURAL BOWRAL VET HOSPITAL TRIVIA NIGHT FROM THEIR BABY PHOTOS?



Check with reception to see if you got them right!



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