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PET CEMETARY



KITTENS

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It was outback Whitfield. Like something out of a Stephen King Novel. Knackers, the Border Collie, was brutally attacked by a Rhodesian Ridgeback. His head was crushed and he was dragged into the dam to drown.

His distraught owners had the ominous task of burying his body. There had been no rain for weeks. The ground was hard. The grave was shallow. The storm was brewing, the wind was howling, the smell of death was in the air. Knackers owners headed back to Mansfield, minus their beloved pet.

Several days later the phone rang: 'Hi, I've found a black and white Border Collie. His collar has a tag with your number and the name Knackers'.

Dumbstruck, the owners drove to Whitfield to find their beloved Knackers back from the dead! Knackers was brought into our vet clinic the next day by his worried owners and thoroughly checked over.

Miraculously, Knackers had suffered no permanent damage from his ordeal and is enjoying his new lease on life. Who said cats were the only ones with nine lives?.....



THE EYES HAVE IT

Recently we were presented with a 2 day old calf that had been ignored at birth by his mother. Despite attempts to orally rehydrate him with colostrum milked from the cow, he was brought in very dehydrated. After a night on intravenous fluids, he bounced back, but within 24 hours had gone mysteriously blind!



The cause was pus formation in the anterior chamber (front part) of his eye, blocking his vision. This is known as hypopyon and was likely due to a systemic, or generalised infection. Treatment with antibiotics and strong anti-inflammatory eye drops was instigated and within a week the eyes had cleared and the calf hasn't looked back since!

DARTING

During the course of this weeks work, Dr Andrew Jacotine was called to an injured goat. The goat was proving difficult to catch and there was concern for both its welfare and the welfare of those trying to catch it. Dr Jacotine returned with a blow pipe and dart and 5 mins later the goat was sleeping very soundly. She was then taken back to the clinic for surgery. 45 mins later the goat was returned home all fixed up, the anaesthesia was reversed and she was soon up and about.



Darting is a very uncommon practice these days as very few vets have the equipment, licensing nor skills to undertake the process which is a shame because in many cases it is much safer for both patient and client. Dr. Jacotine has a growing role in providing darting services and consultancy around southern Australia and is off to Sydney University in April to teach animal capture.

WENDY THE WOMBAT

Wendy was a rescued wombat who, once grown and able to look after herself, was released into the wild. Unfortunately, Wendy returned home having been injured, possibly attacked by a dog.

It was doubtful whether she would survive the ordeal, having a huge hole in her back that reached down to bone and was full of pus and dead tissue. Being the tough survivor that she was, Wendy battled on with nursing care provided by local wildlife carers. She was given an intensive course of antibiotics and pain relief and wound cleaning twice daily.

After a couple of setbacks, including losing a toe and the formation of multiple abscesses, Wendy is well on the way to recovery. The wound in her back has granulated and almost filled in. The dead skin has peeled away revealing new pink skin underneath and some small hairs growing through. Her strength and determination have returned and she is likely to make a full recovery.

The Mansfield Veterinary Clinic is happy to provide wildlife care during opening hours. We are unable to provide afterhours care. Most wildlife cases are best left in a dark, quiet area, such as in a cardboard box overnight and can then be brought into the clinic during hours where they will be treated and passed onto the wild life carers where appropriate.

We do not charge for treating wildlife, however, if you would like to make a donation it will be passed on to the Mansfield Wildlife Shelter and be greatly appreciated! .



MANSFIELD VETS GOT TALENT!



Congatulations to Andrew and Dannii who won the longest yellowbelly section at the 'his and hers' partners classic at Lake Mulwala.

And to Bri and Axel who got 3 x 9s in their last practice dressage test at Mansfield.