

MOLLY'S MYSTERY...



Molly the Labrador recently came to the clinic with a very mysterious illness that had everyone's thinking caps on!

She was presented to Dr Sally with a sudden onset of vomiting and a painful abdomen. After a thorough clinical exam, Molly was sent home to rest with antibiotics, pain relief and diet modification to settle down her tummy as she seemed to be suffering from a gastroenteritis or a pancreatitis.

Molly improved on her treatment at first but several days later she started to vomit again. She came back to the clinic and this time Dr Sally decided to run some more tests on the suspicion that it might be something more serious such as a foreign body or obstruction. This time blood tests were run and an abdominal ultrasound performed. Her blood results showed some changes in her liver enzymes, and an obstruction to her bile duct that enters at the area of her pancreas was suspected. Her ultrasound confirmed Sally's suspicion of a severe pancreatitis with pancreatic abscesses obstructing her bile duct. These were causing her to vomit and have abdominal pain.

Dr Andrew performed surgery on Molly the next day. Surgical exploration revealed a number of pancreatic abscesses. Dr Andrew (with the assistance of two vet students from Qld) were able to drain the abscesses to allow them to heal and the antibiotics to penetrate. In surgery the team performed the advanced technique of intra-operative ultrasound to locate the lesions to be lanced.

Molly is recovering well after surgery and her post-operative care involves antibiotics for 6 weeks, pain relief and a bland diet so that her pancreatitis doesn't flare up again!

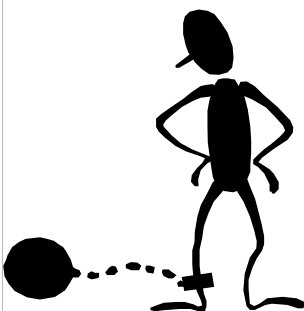
FOR SALE

One gorgeous kitten!
Black domestic short-hair, male. Very playful and keen to find a lovely home.

Price is \$150 which includes desexing, 1st vaccination and microchipping. Come in and see him at the clinic today!



THE OL' BALL AND CHAIN



Congratulations to the newly appointed Mrs. Rekers (previously known as Dr. Sally Cullen). Sally and her partner Whitey were married on the 24th of January at Highton Manor.

After a magnificent wedding which involved an absolutely stunning bride, a superb bridal party, a fabulous feast and a lot of wild dancing, a great night was had by all (proven by all the sore heads and sorry faces Sunday morning).

The couple are currently happily honeymooning around Tasmania. We wish them all the best and are sure they will share a happy contented life together.

SNAKEBITE SEASON SO FAR...



Well we know they're out there this year and unfortunately snakebite season is in full swing at Mansfield Vet Clinic.

We began seeing snakebite cases with the beginning of the warm weather in October, and have continued to get a steady stream over the summer months.

So far, since the beginning of the season, we have treated many dogs and cats for snakebite. As well as that, we have had multiple suspected snakebite cases that turned out to be false alarms (phew!). So far we have had a great success rate and have saved 90% of treated cases.

As we keep reminding people, early detection and treatment is important in snakebite cases and gives a greater chance of success. The last 10 years has seen great advances in our capabilities to treat these cases, which is reflected in our high success rate. We feel that the great results that we achieve makes the worry and costs worthwhile (we hope most of you would agree!).

Signs of snakebite include panting, tremoring, salivation, incoordination, weakness and collapse. Sometimes animals appear to recover temporarily after initial symptoms. In dogs these signs often progress very rapidly and may not all be seen by owners. Cats sometimes simply present as very flat, weak and unable to walk properly. They may also have big black dilated pupils. Call us straight away if you notice any of these signs in your animal.

LOST AND...WELL...LOST

Have you seen an unfamiliar wallet lying around your house? Perhaps some stray sunglasses? A bunch of vagrant keys? A wandering wine glass? A wayward mobile phone? A careering camera?

Dr. Peter Cullen has lost all of these at some point during this week. Sometimes he finds one item, but it is usually at the expense of another. If it is sunny outside, the car keys will be in the sunglasses case and the glasses missing. If there is a beautiful sunset to be captured on film, the phone will be in the camera case and the camera M.I.A. If he is at the checkout of the supermarket, he will suddenly find his laptop, but have lost his wallet.

If you or anyone else has seen any of the above items, please be kind enough to drop them in to the staff at the clinic, who will then enjoy themselves by hiding them again at crucial moments.



GROOMING

Did you know that the Mansfield Vet Clinic has an on-site groomer?

Jan has been grooming dogs for over 25 years and can give your loved one (no, not your husband) a lovely hydrobath, blow wave and style. Call the clinic to book in.



(Too) Hot To Trot!

With the latest wave of extreme heat taking its toll on all of us, its important to remember to keep your pets cool with shade or cooling, and plenty of water. Also try to restrict exercise to the cool parts of the day such as early morning. Your pets will appreciate it!

