

THE NEW ADVOCATE

We are now stocking a new product called **ADVOCATE**. An all-in-one spot-on for cats and dogs. Advocate treats, protects against and prevents more parasites in cats and dogs than any other comparable product.

This once a month treatment comes as an easily applied topical formula.

Fleas—Advocate stops fleas from feeding in 3–5 minutes of application and kills 98–100% of fleas within 12 hours. Larval fleas are also killed thus breaking the flea life cycle.

Mites—Advocate is effective against sarcoptic mange (spread by wombats and foxes), demodectic mange and ear mites.

Heartworm—A worm spread by mosquitoes, Advocate will prevent heartworm infection.

Lice—Advocate controls lice.

Gastrointestinal Worms—Advocate is effective against Roundworm, Whipworm and Hookworm, both adult and larval stages thus protecting your pet and your family.

Currently, there is no spot-on for tapeworm in dogs, so we have added a tapeworm tablet to each pack of Advocate. If you have trouble worming your dog, why not bring him/her in and have us do it for you!

Tapeworm in cats is spread by fleas, so if your cat is up to date with flea control, tapeworm should not be a problem. We do, however, recommend a treatment every 12 months in case of the odd flea ingestion, which we can do for you at your yearly vaccination (or at a time convenient for you). Alternatively, treat your cat with Profender—allwormer spot-on for cats.



BOARDING

In case you missed last months issue:

We are now taking cats and dogs for boarding!

We excel in pets needing 'special care'.

Call the clinic on 5775 2055 for more details or to make a booking.

TOLMIE FEED STORE OPEN DAY

Last month, Dr. Sally attended the Tolmie Feed Store Open Day. It was a fantastic day, perfect weather with lots of informative entertainment. Judy Oldmeadow and her beautiful stallion Nimrod demonstrated the 'bitless bridle', equine dentist Lisa Kuronya and Jan Purcell gave a very informative session on how important dental care in your horse is (trust us, it's very important), Glenys Jacob showed us some bowen therapy and the 'barefoot blacksmith' Andrew Bowe performed a barefoot trim and fitted some new boots, the 'Easyboot Gloves' for Sally's horse Leeroy.

Also on display were alpacas, New Forest Ponies, a wood splitter demonstrating by filling a trailer for the wood raffle, and Jenny Warne's sprouted grains and grasses. Congratulations to Marj Forbes, a great day was had by all, with all proceeds going to Relay For Life and the Lions Club.

TROPICAL (CONFERENCE) HEAVEN

Dr. Jackie recently attended the annual Australian Veterinary Association conference in beautiful tropical Darwin. The 5 day conference covered a range of topics in many different areas of medicine relating to both large (cattle and horses) and small (dogs and cats) animal medicine.

Dr. Jackie attended many interesting lectures including small animal topics such as advances in anaesthesia, pain relief and neurological conditions and large animal topics such as antibiotic use in cattle and equine neurology and pathology. She also managed to squeeze in some exploring, sun, food and rather too many mango smoothies (all in the name of learning of course....)



Next month Dr. Jackie will be attending a conference at Goulburn Valley Equine Hospital in Congupna covering reproduction in the mare and diseases and medicine of young foals. Though the weather is not expected to be quite as balmy as Darwin, the lecture content will definitely be as interesting and informative.



NELLIE'S NOBBLY NOGGIN

Nellie the sheep was seen by Dr. Jackie one fine Saturday afternoon in May. Her worried owners had noticed a large lump on the side of her cheek that had come up very suddenly. She had also lost condition and seemed dull.

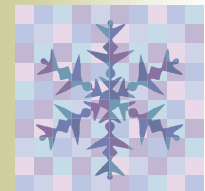
The lump was soft and fluidy, and the overlying skin was blackened and appeared dead. Dr. Jackie diagnosed an abscess. After making sure the skin had no feeling, the abscess was lanced and a large amount of thick pus was drained from the area (therefore giving great relief to the sheep, great satisfaction to Jackie, and a great feeling of queasiness to the owner!). As the skin around the abscess was dead, it needed to be resected, leaving a large open wound on Nellie's face. Nellie was treated with antibiotics and anti-inflammatories and was already feeling much better by the next morning, when she was spotted gobbling down her feed and hay.

Sharp fragments or seeds in hay or other fodder can sometimes puncture the gums and lips of the mouth, allowing bacteria to penetrate the cheeks. Bacteria associated with the mouth can be aggressive, and can quickly cause abscesses. Antibiotic therapy alone is not usually adequate treatment for abscesses as the drugs can not penetrate into the affected area well. Opening and draining abscesses, then covering with antibiotics is a much more effective way of treating them.

At the last report Nellie was bright and happy, putting on weight and thoroughly enjoying life.



CHANGE OF SEASON...



TIME TO
WORM YOUR
PETS!