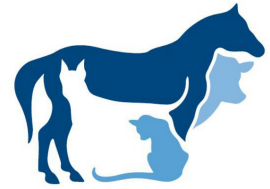


MORUYA  
VETERINARY HOSPITAL

# Vet News Monthly



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VETERINARY CENTRE

Last month the Moruya Veterinary Hospital and our local Animal Welfare League took part in National Desexing Month campaign. We have been overwhelmed with the response and have decided to continue with our desexing discounts for the month of August as well. To take advantage of our 25 % discount on desexing cats and dogs phone reception on 44742532 to make an appointment.

## August is Pet Dental Month

For most of us, caring for our teeth and gums has been part of our daily routine for as long as we can remember. What many of us don't realise is that we should be doing the same for our pets. Daily brushing, along with regular professional care from a your veterinarian and feeding specific diets, can help your pet maintain good oral health.

### Causes of dental disease

Dental disease is caused by an accumulation of plaque. Plaque is a colourless film that contains bacteria. If left unchecked, plaque build-up can cause inflamed gums which is painful, and eventually an infection resulting in tooth loss. Preventative oral care reduces plaque and helps maintain oral health.

**1/ Poor oral hygiene:** Just like us, pets need dental care every day.

Ignoring the condition of your pet's mouth can lead to dental disease, tooth loss and other serious health problems.

**2/ Breed:** Dental disease is more common in smaller breeds of dogs and certain breeds of cats as their teeth are often overcrowded.

**3/Age:** Dental disease is more common as pets grow older. Research suggests that this is a result of a lifetime of disease accumulation not just as a result of getting older.

### Signs of dental disease

Once your pet displays the warning signs below, serious dental disease may already be present. Don't wait for the signs to appear— book an appointment with your vet today. For the month of August, these dental check ups are FREE at the Moruya Veterinary Hospital. Pet dentistry can be very expensive for the pet owner with dental procedures costing around \$400-\$500. During the month of August we offer routine scale & polish for \$190. per dog and \$180 per cat.

Signs of dental disease may include:

- Bad breath
- Yellow-brown crust on teeth
- Red or bleeding gums
- Not wanting to eat dry food or bones
- Tooth Loss
- Abnormal drooling & licking mouth



It is important to note that all pets are at risk of developing dental disease.

Often there are no warning signs. Even some dogs and cats with severe dental disease will not show any signs, but they will be in pain, so it is important that you have regular check-ups with your veterinarian.

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Saturday-9.00 am. to 12.00 am

Sundays-9.00 am to 11.00 am

### Tuross Veterinary Centre

Shop 6/38 Evans Road Tuross NSW 2537

Opening Hours (Winter)

Tuesday 9am to 3pm

Thursday 9am to 3pm

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CONSULTATIONS BY  
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### Veterinary Surgeons & Physicians

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Dr Jayne Weller BVSc

## Specials for August

- FREE PET DENTAL CHECK UPS
- 25% OF DEXEXING COSTS

## WET VS DRY NOSE

A warm or dry nose is often seen as a sign of illness in dogs, but is it ?

The “warm nose myth” has many pet owners feeling that their pet may be unwell if the nose is warm and dry.

However, a healthy dog’s (or cat’s) nose may be very wet and cool one moment but then be warmer and somewhat dry the next. In fact, variability is quite normal.

The average dog’s nose is 10,000 times more sensitive to odours than the human nose. Their noses secrete a thin layer of mucus that helps absorb scent chemicals. A moist nose is also one of the ways that dogs regulate their body temperature and cool down. They don’t have sweat glands as such, so dogs secrete sweat from the pads of their feet and their noses.

While a moist nose is perfectly normal, if your dog has a runny nose accompanied by coughing, sneezing, wheezing or difficulty breathing than a visit to the vet is necessary. Your dog may have a respiratory infection or an obstruction in the nose.

On the other hand, various things can make your dog’s nose dry and the dryness isn’t necessarily an indication of something being wrong. An ill animal will generally have a warm, dry nose in addition to other symptoms, like lethargy, decreased or absent appetite, or vomiting / diarrhoea.

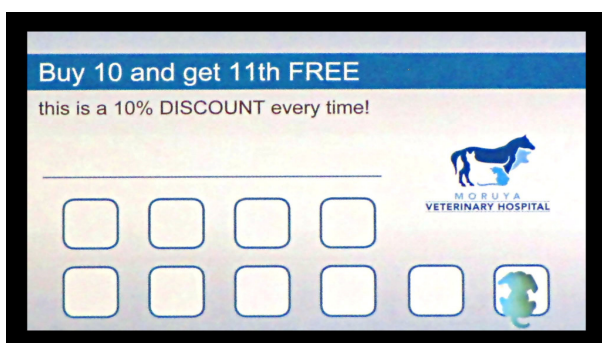
## TICK WATCH

Please, please apply tick prevention to your pets at this time of the year.

We treat cats and dogs with tick paralysis every month of the year.

There are some really good tick prevention products on the market that work very well.

We recommend Nexgard or Bravecto for dogs and frontline for cats.



Save every time you buy with our Moruya Veterinary Hospital Loyalty cards.

Buy 10 of the same product and get the 11th product free.

Can be used on any over the counter product, from Flea/tick prevention to pet food.

## Useful Phone Contacts

\*Animal House Caretaker– Mobile dog wash & grooming, holiday pet care & pet day care-

- 44735818 -Mob 0414505967

\* Australian Seabird Rescue– 0431282238

\* Batemans Bay Boarding Kennels 44717501

\* Dog Grooming– (Swish Grooming)- 0410676850

\* Dog Wash– Bubbles on the Bay-44781185

\* Eurobodalla Animal Welfare League- (de-sexing subsidy)-44713819

(General enquiries) - 0410016612

\* Eurobodalla Canine Club (dog obedience training) Karen– 44743758

\* Eurobodalla Shire Council Pound - (lost dogs & strays)-44741019

\*RSPCA -(animal cruelty)- Eurobodalla Branch 0424228425 Cruelty Hotline 1300278589

-(de-sexing vouchers)- 0424228425

\*The Dog Line- ( Dog behavioural Problems & Advice) 1300843364

\*Wildlife Rescue South Coast– North of Batemans Bay 0418427214

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\* Wires-(wildlife rescue & care)- 0427020327



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