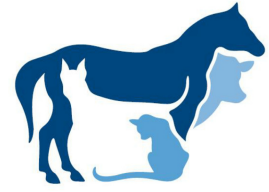


**MORUYA  
VETERINARY HOSPITAL**

# Vet News Monthly



**TUROSS HEAD  
VETERINARY CENTRE**

## What's happening at MVH this month?

- Moruya Veterinary Hospital would like to welcome Dr Cody Shannon to the team. Cody arrived a few weeks back and is now settling in to the Moruya life. Cody's first introduction to our community was at the Eurobodalla Show where he and Dr Camille Addison were guest judges for the pet show.
- Dr Janelle Dunkley will soon be going on maternity leave as her baby's due date rapidly approaches. We all look forward to meeting the new addition.
- Our vet nurses Jade, Kellie, Leah and Vanessa will be continuing their education and attending a lecture "Anaesthesia for Vet Nurses" at the Animal Referral Hospital in Canberra on 1st February.
- Sad to announce one of our vet nurses Leah Reeve will be leaving us later this month. Leah has accepted a job in Newcastle, closer to her family. We thank Leah and wish her well in her new adventure.
- Recently we have had a few phone issues at the clinic in Tuross 44736009. Any appointments for Tuross can also be made via Moruya Veterinary Hospital on 44742532. Tuross is open every Tuesday and Thursday 9am to 3pm.
- MVH continues to host vet students. Last month we had student Samantha Ellis and this month we have Rosie Davis for 4 weeks practical training. During the last 2 years of their course vet students have to do a lot of practical training. This is an important part of their learning and makes them a better vet particularly when they first start working.



### Introducing Dr Cody Shannon

I grew up in a tiny country town called Beulah in north-west Victoria where there isn't a lot of livestock but I always had a couple of cows, horses, pigs, goats, ferrets and plenty of other pets to keep me entertained. I took a year off before uni and had an amazing time volunteering in and travelling around Africa for 6

time with the vets at Johannesburg Zoo.

I then spent the 2nd half of the year working on a thoroughbred mare agistment and stud property where I gained an interest in equine reproductive work. I studied veterinary science for six long years at University of Melbourne and graduated last year before working at home during the harvest before moving to Moruya. Unfortunately I broke my arm just before getting here, so I've been a bit slow to start but looking forward to finding my feet and getting involved in the clinic and the local community! I enjoy working with ALL animals big, small, wild and tame and will be filling my free weekends with fishing, kayaking, hiking, swimming and hopefully some footy (aussie rules)!

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Monday to Friday-8.00 am to 6.00 pm

Saturday-9.00 am. to 12.00 am

Sundays-9.00 am to 11.00 am

### Tuross Veterinary Centre

Shop 6/38 Evans Rad Tuross NSW 2537

Opening Hours

Tuesday 9am to 3pm

Thursday 9am to 3pm

Phone 44736009

### CONSULTATIONS BY APPOINTMENT

### Veterinary Surgeons & Physicians

Dr Camille Addison BVSc/BvBio

Dr Janelle Dunkley BVSc

Dr Sam Lawson BVSc

Dr Nicole Mace BVSc,BAVBS(Hons)

Dr Cody Shannon BScDVM

Did you know...?  
When it's 22°C / 72°F outside  
the temperature inside a car  
can reach 47°C / 117°F within  
60 minutes.



Dogs die in cars every year!  
Even with the windows open  
your car can turn into an oven  
in minutes - don't let your best  
friend be inside...

## Dogs and the Summer Heat

Summer is the season most of us look forward to for outdoor activities, but dogs don't do as well in hot weather as people do. Beware that not all dogs handle heat in the same way. Dogs build up heat as a function of volume and lose it as a function of surface area. This means that larger dogs with rounder bodies have less surface area for their size, and build up heat faster.

In addition, dogs lose heat through evaporation from their nasal passages and tongue. This means that dogs with flat faces are less able to lose heat. As a rule, the bigger the dog and the flatter the face, the more prone they are to overheating. Overweight and old dogs have an even greater risk, as do dogs with thick fur.

**Fur coats can be hot,** Fur provides some amount of protection from the sun, but thick fur prevents body heat from escaping and promotes overheating. It's a myth that shaving a dog's coat makes him hotter. Shaving it to the skin can make him vulnerable to sunburn, but cutting the fur to about one inch can help him stay cooler. If you don't want to shave him, brush as much undercoat as you can out, and be sure no solid mats are there to trap heat and moisture.

**Dogs left in cars** Nobody keeps statistics on dog deaths from being left in cars, but about 30 to 40 children die in parked cars each year. Considering that dogs aren't allowed in most places children are, and that dogs overheat more quickly than children, it's likely that many dogs die in closed cars every year.

**Dogs and UV rays.** Dogs, especially light-skinned dogs, can get sunburn and melanoma. If your dog likes to sun worship, rub a dog friendly sunblock (Protecta or Sunstop) on his belly and the top of his nose, the most common sites for sunburn.

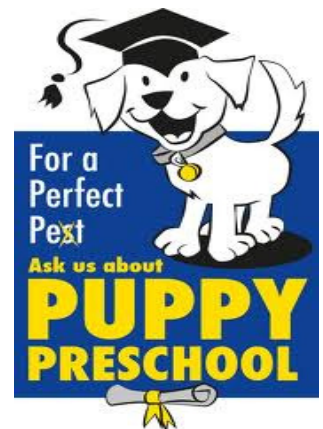
**Be prepared for travelling** Always take a bottle of water for your pet when travelling in hot weather.



## How To Make Your Cat Drink

Has your cat been diagnosed with cystitis, lower urinary tract disease or chronic renal disease in the past and you would like to encourage it to drink more? Here's some handy tips

- Cats prefer to eat and drink in separate places. Avoid using double feeding bowls and move water to a separate location.
- Cats are sensitive to taste so avoid plastic food bowls. Using glass, metal or ceramic bowls means the water will not be tainted, and the cat will also be able to see the surface more easily. A large bowl is better.
- Cats don't like to put their heads into the water bowl, so keep it full at all times.
- Cats prefer running water so dripping taps or a water fountain can be helpful.
- If all else falls, then add some stock. Don't use stock cubes as these contain onion powder.
- If you have a multi cat household, provide multiple drinking stations.



## Tick Watch

Don't forget to apply tick prevention to your dogs and cats.

We treated 28 animals with tick paralysis during December and another 12 in January.

## 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)-44743354

(General enquiries) - 0410016612

\* Eurobodalla Canine Club (dog obedience training) Magda- 44711440

\* 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

-South of Batemans Bay 0417238921

\* Wires-(wildlife rescue & care)- 1300094737



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