



## Let's talk about ticks (*Ixodes holocyclus*)

Number one problem for dogs and cats at this time of the year is the paralysis tick.

Moruya Veterinary Hospital has been recording the number of animals we treat for tick paralysis since 2010. Statistics we have collected are listed below.

### Paralysis Tick comparison statistics for 2010, 2011, 2012 , 2013 , 2014, 2015 & 2016

The table below represents the number of animals that were treated by Moruya Veterinary Hospital since 2010 for tick paralysis

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
January	14	12	11	14	20	13	5
February	1	3	8	4	1	4	-
March	5	2	10	12	6	2	1
April	3	4	10	10	6	1	5
May	6	4	13	7	4	3	4
June	7	7	5	6	7	3	3
July	6	8	13	8	5	1	3
August	12	17	3	23	2	7	14
September	30	25	43	42	24	22	17
October	3	56	60	70	27	35	
November	8	68	69	63	48	31	
December	7	59	48	68	44	39	

We see animals with tick paralysis all year round.

The worst months for paralysis ticks are August through to January. To ensure your pet does not become a statistic you must use a preventive all year round.

### Signs of Tick Paralysis

The adult tick injects saliva containing neurotoxins into the host as it feeds. Clinical signs are usually observed 3 to 7 days after attachment of the tick. If the tick has dropped off or it is has been removed, it **DOES NOT** mean the animal will improve, there is still toxin in the animals body that will cause symptoms to progress.

Your pet may show several or only one of these symptoms. An unwillingness to jump into the car or onto the lounge, an alteration in the quality of the dogs bark, a slight cough, throat clearing or gagging, vomiting (often looks like white froth), the pupils of both eyes become widely dilated and eventually fail to respond to light, wobbliness of the hind quarters, which rapidly worsens, unable to stand, respiration becomes slow and laboured and a grunting noise is often present.

Please contact us on 44742532 at the first signs of tick paralysis.

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## Warning- Magpies are currently nesting

Nests are built up high in trees and it takes about 20 days for the eggs to hatch. The young birds then spend 4 weeks in the nest before they fledge. Nesting magpies defend their territory by swooping on anyone who gets too near the nest. Usual warnings include beating their wings, clacking their beaks and occasionally pecking. The attack is usually limited to the magpie "defence zone" the area around the nest tree. This is about 100 metres in radius. The birds aim is just to drive away the intruder, not to cause injury. Magpies sometime recognise and target certain people over and over again. They also tend to be particularly infuriated by cyclist.

There are a number of measures that can be taken to protect people and deter further swoops:

- Stay well clear of areas where there are nesting trees, if you must enter the area, move through quickly but don't run.
- Magpies are less likely to swoop if you look at them. Try to keep an eye on the magpie while walking carefully away.
- Wear a hat and sunglasses or carry an umbrella or long stick for protection.
- Bike riders should dismount and walk through the territory. Research has shown that the swooping stops when riders get down and walk.



Remember, these birds swoop only when there are eggs or chicks in the nest and they feel threatened. Be patient with them, they are only trying to be good parents.

### Soccer Grand Final Time -

Winners are Grinners just ask our own sports star Dr Camille Addison, who last week kicked the winning goal to take out the women's soccer championship for 2016.

### Anyone for whale watching

Lots of reports of whale sightings at the moment. Southern Right whales are the ones that look like big logs rolling around in the surf. The ones that leap, splash and breach are the Humpback whales. These magnificent creatures are often seen this time of year as they make their annual migration along the NSW coastline.

### Snakes

Be on guard now the warmer months are here, snakes are out and about. Snakes love long grass and piles of rubbish. Keep your yard free of long grass or piles of wood, rubbish, old sheets of iron. Keep the rat and mice population under control (popular food for snakes).

## 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)-0466012426

(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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-South of Batemans Bay 0417238921

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



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