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News Letter



Puppies Graduate!

Congratulations to our recent graduates and their owners.

Thank you for all the hard work you've put in and we hope you continue to have well-mannered happy dogs!

Your next opportunity for puppy classes is August-September. To train your puppy, and have fun doing so, give us a call.

We also can do one-on-one classes for the older dogs.



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What's Been Happening?

Well, it has been a big year for Warner Vet, and we are only half way through!

It started last year with the need to increase our space, which was limited at Warner Village. We were able to secure a much larger space close-by at Cashmere Village late last year, and the construction process began. A few months and a lot of my hairline later, we are in the new, spacious, purpose-built facility we enjoy today. As with most projects this big, it will remain a work in progress for some time to come as we find new ways of using our space, and our time.

Your pet deserves the best, and as dental disease is one of the most easily preventable diseases of modern pets, you now have access to a state-of-the-art dental suite, including gentle ultrasonic dental unit for comfort, and digital dental radiography. The move has also provided ample and easy parking for our clients, who can now come and go without dodging delivery trucks! Fantastic!

Your pets have also been taking advantage of the grassy, enclosed and fully fenced area out the back with some of the greenest, softest grass around.

This is the life! We moved just a bit over a kilometre, however, the difference is amazing. Yes, I am very glad we did it.

- Dr Craig Stewart



Our new clinic Pet
'Little Craig'



Hot Topic: Osteoarthritis

Is your pet a bit stiff or lame lately with the cold weather? Just like us humans, dogs and cats may suffer from arthritis especially when they get older and in cold.

So what are the signs of arthritis?

Dogs with arthritis often show lameness or limping (worsened by exercise), but sometimes dogs will have a stiff joints and gait. Working and athletic dogs, and overweight dogs, will put more stress on their joints and exacerbate the condition. It is important to know the causes of lameness as treatments vary accordingly. Your vets can make a diagnosis based on thorough physical examination and X-rays if necessary.

So what can we do about it?

There are many ways we could help arthritic dogs and cats. **Cartrophen** is now becoming a very popular treatment of choice for degenerative arthritis; It is a plant based prescription only medicine that helps to regenerate damaged joint cartilage, prevent further progression of the arthritis and helps joints to produce better lubricant so dogs can feel much better about using these joints. Cartrophen is given as an injection under the skin, weekly for a course of 6 weeks. **Medication** wise, there are range of good pain-killers and anti-inflammatories for particularly severe arthritic joints that we can use short term while we instigate other treatment, or long term to take the edge off chronic and advanced arthritis patients. Many dogs and cats have already discovered the benefits - just call us to book in.

Things you could do at home

There is a range of excellent **joint supplements** (neutraceuticals) available in the market; glucosamine, chondroitin, pentosan, green lip mussel extract... The variety and number of good joint supplements are increasing but sometimes the choice may be a little confusing, and beware of dubious products online. Some people use human joint supplements, but the dose rate and the metabolism of humans and canines are not always interchangeable, so it is best to use the ones marketed for animal use only for your pet.

Modifying exercise is another way you could help with arthritis – limit the activity to a level that minimizes aggravation of arthritis. Low impact is good, just avoid high impact activity. **Weight loss** is another very important factor in reducing the stress on joints. Reducing those calories is important as the metabolism and activity levels slow down with age. Obesity is the natural enemy of joints. As us about the diets we have available now.

What's long-term prognosis?

Osteoarthritis is a degenerative condition and though we can help slow down the process, once the bony change starts taking place, it is impossible to reverse that change. Having said that, medical treatments, diet and exercise modification, weight loss and joint supplements can greatly improve the quality of life for the arthritic dogs and cats.

Call us or come in for a chat with one of our friendly vets and nurses with any further questions you may have for the best care your pet deserves. - Dr. Anna Toma



- Nelly's Story -



Nelly came into our clinic as a stray dog with no microchip back in December 2013. She was clearly neglected and was in a very poor condition. The plan back then was to re-home her but after a short while, Nelly picked herself a new home with Carley, one of our vet nurses. Today, she looks absolutely gorgeous, happy and very much loved. Carley says "I cannot picture my life without her!"

Protect your pets from Ticks!

Make sure your pet's tick prevention is up to date. Paralysis ticks are deadly and we see them all year around including winter.



Cat FIV vaccine now available

Cat AIDS affects up to 1 in 3 of all sick cats. It is most commonly seen in cats that spend time outdoors and get into fights as it is spread by contact with saliva and blood (bite wounds). We now have the FIV vaccine available for cats that test negative to help your cat. Cats must have a blood test and be microchipped prior to receiving the vaccines. Ask us about the FIV test and the vaccine now.



Pet Photo of the Month

Thank you to all those who submitted their wonderful 'human and animal bond' photos for this month's photo gallery. It was hard to choose our favourites as we loved them all. Our top three photos, which will be displayed in our reception area, are from Kate, Melinda and April. Our theme for the Spring Photo Gallery is "Best Friends Forever", please email your favourite photos to warnervet@hotmail.com by 30/8/14.

African Adventure

I recently took the trip of a lifetime to Namibia, Botswana and Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe.

I went with a group of fellow photographers and we had an amazing time.

Among the highlights were seeing a leopard catch a guinea fowl for breakfast, watching a pack of African wild dogs playing and being charged by an angry hippopotamus (they can run at 40km/h).

The people we met in these countries are kind, have a generous spirit and are keen to preserve their land and the animals for everyone to enjoy.

Here are just a few of the nearly 5000 photos I managed to take. - Dr. Bridget Macleod

Where Pets are Family

"Servicing the friends of humanity, those that keep us warm and safe and sane, our best mates, our confidantes, our furred, feathered and scaled companions."

- Dr. Craig Stewart - Warner Vet -

Plastic bags and Sea turtles

The coastal waters of Queensland are home for six of the world's seven beautiful marine turtle species. Adult green turtles are herbivorous (feed only on plant matter) but juvenile green turtles and other species of sea turtles are omnivorous meaning they would eat just about anything, from green algae, small crustaceans and other creepy looking marine invertebrates. I found this young green turtle (picture left) in Byron Bay early this year when he was enjoying his favourite snack of all - a big jellyfish.

Sadly, too many sea turtles find floating plastic bags and mistake them for a jellyfish. They can get very sick and often die from ingesting rubbish in the ocean, as plastics get trapped in the gut many turtles die from slow starvation. They could also get bloated and float on the surface; some of them then get hit by boats.

Next time you go to a beach or fishing, make sure you bring all your rubbish home and pick up any plastic that you find in the environment. Australia has one of the best marine ecosystems with vast biodiversity and Moreton Bay region in particular is known for being a safe home for numbers of sea turtles; let's keep it that way. 'No one can do everything, but everyone can do something'. - Dr. Anna Toma



New Vets at Warner Vet

Dr. Anna Toma BSc, BVSc (hons)

I graduated from the University of Queensland in 2008 with a Bachelor of Science, double majoring in Microbiology and Zoology. I studied in a range of fields including biochemistry, genetics, wildlife conservation and marine biology, but in the end, I decided to follow my true passion and went back to uni to become a vet; I have never looked back.

Five years later in December 2013, I graduated with honors from the University of Queensland with a Bachelor of Veterinary Science. I joined Warner Vet in January 2014 and it has truly been a life changing experience for me. Staff here work as a team in a very positive and professional manner. Everyone is passionate about the well being of pets, as we all believe that pets are our families. I am committed to being a clinician who understands the bond you and your pet share.

I am originally from Japan but spent my childhood travelling the globe with my family. I am now happy to call Australia my home and in my spare time, I enjoy baking, playing trumpet, horse riding, photography, fitness, and above all, going scuba diving. I often volunteer as a Divemaster on the weekends, diving the stunningly beautiful East coast of QLD and taking photos of the underwater world. My favourite animals are loggerhead turtles, leopard sharks, manta rays, humpback whales and of course Siberian Huskies :)

I look forward meeting you and your gorgeous pets.

Dr. Sarah Foreman BVSc (hons)

Becoming a vet was an easy choice for me as I have wanted to work with animals my whole life. Caring for animals is my passion. I graduated with honours from University of Queensland with a Bachelor of Veterinary Science in 2013.

I have a beautiful rescue dog, Bella the Border Collie, and two cats, Milo and Elsa. In my spare time I like going for walks with Bella and I enjoy reading and going skiing or horse riding when I get the opportunity.

I love all animals, but especially wolves, horses and cute little kittens! I look forward to meeting you and your pets.

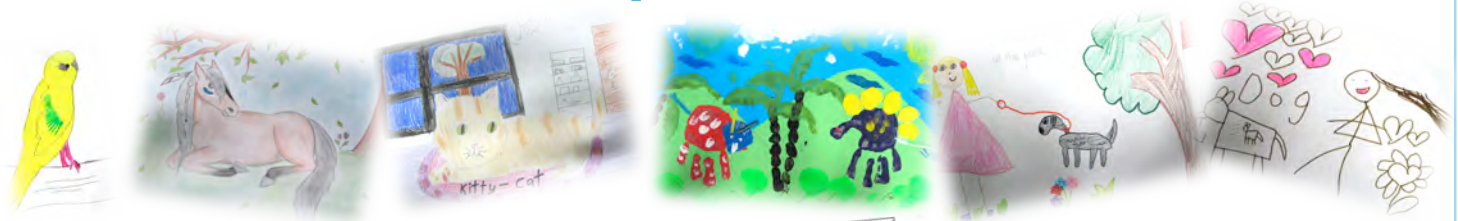


Dr. Anna



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