



Adelaide **Veterinary**
Behaviour Services
Animal Behaviour Consultations

January 2017 NEWSLETTER



Happy New Year
From the AVBS team ☺

On behalf of the team we wish your families and your fur children a Happy New Year. We hope you and your families had a lovely festive season. Tracey and Tracy ☺

Thank you to all our current clients for your continuing support and we welcome our new clients to the AVBS family. Consultations are increasing which is a great sign that our education programs are working whereby vets, vet nurses and clinic staff, along with rescue organisations and the general public realise the importance of seeking that extra help for our companions with special needs. It's a very pleasing thing for our team as our number one passion is animal welfare.

What a busy start to the year – the team have dived straight back into the swing of things for 2017. With two new Veterinarians coming on board in February and we've hosted our first educational webinar on Thunderstorm, Fireworks & Noise Phobias in Dogs! Thank you to those that participated. If you missed out, we will be placing the recording on our newly refurbished website soon. Our new website should be fully functioning within the next few weeks so watch this space!!

As mentioned above we are in the process of renovating our website. The new website will have more functions to be able to book consultations, order and purchase scripts/medication, register for our workshops and seminars and access behaviour information. The website will also be a platform for our comprehensive 2017 webinar series. We are planning a variety of educational webinars for Vets, Vet Nurses, Rescue Organisations, Animal Management Officers, the general public and of course our valued clients. Sharing our passion with the world!

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WHAT'S ON.....



DR KERSTI SEKSEL – WEDNESDAY FEB 8TH

**ARE YOU PRESCRIBING APPROPRIATE
BEHAVIOUR MEDICATION?**

**VETS - DON'T MISS THIS SEMINAR WITH
AUSTRALIA'S LEADING BEHAVIOUR VET!**

Purchase more than 2 tickets and have at least one Vet registered to attend and you will receive one extra ticket at half price. Enquiries: events@avbs.net.au

Venue: The North Adelaide Hotel, 165 Tynte Street, North Adelaide

Date: Wednesday February 8th

Time: 6.30pm for a 7.00am start. Drinks and supper included

This is a must-see seminar, so bring your work colleagues and learn from the best. For details and to book your tickets visit: <https://kerstiseksel.eventbrite.com.au>

DOG BITE PREVENTION WORKSHOP – FRIDAY 3RD FEBRUARY

Rural City of Murray Bridge Council
2 Seventh Street
Murray Bridge SA 5253
Time: 9.00am to 12.00pm



By attending this workshop, you will **learn how to safely work with, and around, unfamiliar dogs**, including:

- how to identify if a dog is likely to bite
- what to do if a dog is likely to bite
- safe handling techniques
- new tactics for interacting with unknown dogs

Contact us at the clinic for more information or email: events@avbs.net.au

ANIMAL MANAGEMENT OFFICER WORKSHOP – THURSDAY 16TH FEBRUARY

City of Charles Sturt Council
72 Woodville Road, Woodville SA
Time: 10.00am to 4.00pm



This is a comprehensive workshop which addresses dog behaviour and body language, approaching, handling and transporting, escaping and barking dogs, dangerous dogs and dog behaviour assessment.

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Student Placements....

The AVBS team have been blessed to host student placements recently of 3 bright, energetic and passionate vet/behaviour students, Faustina Niap, Mikaela Bandiera & Olivia Bury. We really enjoyed having them working with our team and we are so glad they enjoyed their time with us and found it extremely worthwhile. We wish the 3 of you all the very best for the future.

"I had a great time with the team and learnt so much on my placement! Definitely recommend a week if you have an interest in behaviour." – **Faustina Niap (Adelaide University)**

"I recently completed a work placement through Adelaide Veterinary Behaviour Services as part of my Bachelor of Science (Animal Behaviour) degree. I chose Adelaide Veterinary Behaviour Services because I wanted to extend my knowledge and practical skills in dog behaviour and training, which the clinic specialises in. During my placement, I was able to sit in during veterinary and behavioural consultations and assist in the creation of a veterinarian national database. I thoroughly enjoyed this experience and thank all the staff at Adelaide Veterinary Behaviour Services. Your encouragement and support has increased my passion for animal behavioural studies." – **Mikaela Bandiera (Flinders University)**

"Although I have always been passionate about animal behaviour, it wasn't until my time at AVBS that I realised how important treatment is not only for the animal, but also for their dedicated owners. I hope to go on to use my new-found knowledge to strengthen the human animal bond between my clients and their special needs pets, and bring a better quality of life to my patients- just as I witnessed the staff here do every day." – **Olivia Bury (Adelaide University)**



Staff News....



Dr Chalette Brown

Dr. Chalette Brown is expecting her first child in the coming months so will commence maternity leave at the end of February. Exciting times ahead for Chalette and her husband Chris. We wish you both all the very best and cannot wait to welcome the new team member ☺



Dr Eleanor Parker

Dr. Elle Parker is currently on leave from the clinic and will be back soon. We certainly look forward to her return to the clinic as well as her bubbly personality, expertise and enthusiasm ☺

All consultations are currently being managed by Tracey, Chalette and our new veterinarians Emma and Tegan.

New Team Members...

Dr. Emma Vermeeren BSc, DVM & Dr. Tegan Hadley BSc (Hons), DVM

A huge welcome to our new Veterinarians Dr. Emma Vermeeren and Dr. Tegan Hadley, both whom will commence at AVBS in February. Welcome aboard the AVBS team!!



Emma grew up on Kangaroo Island where her parents are both veterinarians and as such, becoming a veterinarian was a natural career path. Emma has a menagerie of pets and has been involved in dog and horse training since she was young. She used to help run the local dog obedience club and in 2016 completed her Delta Certificate IV in Companion Animal Training. Emma graduated the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree at the University of Adelaide in 2013 and has since worked for her parents for 6 months at the Kangaroo Island Veterinary Clinic, and more recently at Bordertown Veterinary Clinic where she still practices part-time as a general practitioner. In 2017 Emma is undertaking the CVE Behavioural Medicine course. Emma has two Miniature Schnauzers, Karma and Shelby, both of which have special needs.



Tegan was born and grew up in Darwin, N.T. She moved to Adelaide in 2007 to commence studying Animal Science at the University of Adelaide. She graduated from this degree with first class honours in 2010, completing a research project that focused on animal behavior, demonstrating her early interest in this area. Tegan subsequently entered the veterinary program, going on to graduate with the Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine in 2015. Since graduating, she has worked as a general practitioner within the Adelaide Northern Vet Group. Tegan has commenced post graduate studies in animal behavior and seeks to sit her membership exams in the years to come. Tegan currently has one fur baby, a cat named "Albert" and will be growing her fur family in the future.

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