

# RIVERSIDE RAMBLINGS

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## CONSULTING HOURS:

- 8.00am-7.00pm Mon-Fri
- 9.00am-12noon Sat
- (consultation by appointment)

**8523 1789**

## VETERINARY SURGEONS

**Dr Rob Auricht**  
BVSc (Melb)

**Dr Mandy Auricht**  
BVMS BSc (Murdoch)

**Dr Kate Van Staveren**  
BVSc (Sydney)

**Dr Scott Mersch**  
BVSc (Brisbane)

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**Gay Ammerlaan**  
Level 4

**Katie Preston**  
Level 4 - AVN

**Jo Hatcher**  
Level 4

**Brigita Daniel**  
Level 2

**Michelle Gardner**  
Level 2

**Andrew Lobb**  
Level 1

**Simone Minett**  
Veterinary Nurse Aide

**Louise Crossman**  
Professional Groomer

## MAGGIE'S MIAOW

The hot weather has certainly hit us and too early for my liking! It is so hard to find the energy to do anything on such warm days.

Christmas is almost upon us and I don't know where the year has gone. Time just seems to pass by quicker each year. Riverside will be open as usual except for the public holidays however you will be able to contact the after hours veterinarian on duty if needed. We would like to wish all of our valued patients and clients a very Merry Christmas and safe and prosperous new year.

We have been quite busy over the last few months with Jo & Katie travelling to Melbourne on VNCA business and Jo also presented a case study at a seminar for veterinary nurses here in Adelaide.

Rob & Mandy have managed to survive Michael's Year 12 exams while Brigita had 2 foals born on her property in November. We had a visit from the professors who will be starting the new Vet School at Roseworthy which all sounds rather interesting and Andrew also has finished his exams at Uni. Rowdy, one of Mandy & Rob's vizsla's has a new home in Victoria and it sounds like he is having a ball.

We have purchased two new state of the art fluid infusion pumps which will make fluid administration to our patients much easier. Our garden is becoming more water wise however we have received a permit to water the lawn for animal health safety reasons.

Until next time, purrs & miaows, Maggie

Most beds sleep up to six cats. Ten cats without the owner. - **Stephen Baker**

## Parvovirus Outbreak

There has been an outbreak in the northern suburbs recently of the canine disease Parvovirus. Parvovirus is one of the diseases that we vaccinate against. Vaccinations provide immunity against developing the disease and reducing the effects of the disease if your dog does come into contact with parvovirus. If your dog is currently up to date with their vaccinations they should be protected from developing the disease. In the rare occurrence of a vaccinated dog contracting parvovirus the symptoms and duration of the disease are less severe.

Parvovirus is a contagious viral disease that causes inappetence and lethargy progressing to vomiting and haemorrhagic diarrhoea. Dogs who contract parvovirus are very ill and need supportive treatment in hospital but unfortunately in some cases it can be fatal. Parvovirus is passed between dogs from bodily fluids and can live in the environment for a number of years. If your dog is not currently vaccinated we recommend that you do this as soon as possible. Puppies are particularly susceptible to the disease and it is important that any unvaccinated puppy or dog is kept at home and not taken for walks or come into contact with unvaccinated dogs. Due to the risk associated with this outbreak we will not be running any Puppy Pre-School classes until further notice.

If you would like more information regarding parvovirus please contact the surgery.

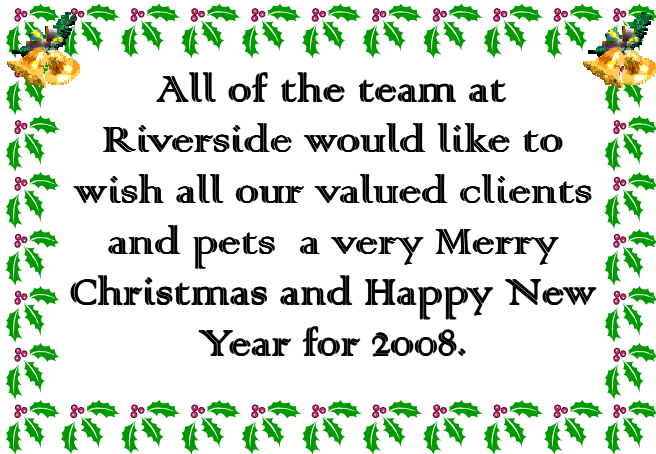
## Riverside E-Mail List

Would you like to receive **E-MAIL REMINDERS** for your pet's vaccinations, worming, parasite prevention, health checks and our bi-monthly newsletter? Please contact the front desk on 8523 1789 to provide us with your e-mail address.

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## **New Kong Products!**

Are you wondering what to get your dog for Christmas? Well look no further as we are now stocking a new products in the Kong range. Kong toys will give your dog lots of enjoyment and keep them occupied for hours!

### **Kong Snugga Wubba**

Snugga Wubba is a playful, interactive toss toy. It has soft, thick fleece fabric covering two rubber balls. Long tails make it easy to pick up and throw and there is no squeaker for quiet indoor play. Dogs love snuggling into it and shaking the flapping tails. It comes in three sizes: small, large & X-large.

### **Kong Water Wubba**

Water Wubba is a fun, interactive toss & tug toy. It has durable reinforced nylon fabric covering two rubber balls, a tennis ball on top and a squeaker ball beneath. This is a great toy for dogs who love the water as it floats with its tails making it easy to retrieve in the water.

### **Senior Kong**

The same size and shape as the original Kong but with a gentle yet durable rubber compound. It helps to re-establish play and exercise

## **Did You Know?**

- The Eastern Brown snake is one of Australia's most venomous & dangerous snakes?
- The name brown snake can be misleading as juveniles often having a black head with a lighter bar behind, a black nape and numerous red-brown spots on the belly. Colours range from tan through to dark brown, russet-orange to almost black with a cream or white underbelly
- The amount of venom injected in any bite can be affected by a number of factors. Brown snakes can inflict multiple bites when being attacked and a defensive bite can deliver much more venom. The seasonal time of year also can affect the amount of venom with a greater amount of venom in the spring when snakes come out of hibernation and the size of the snake can be a factor also.
- The amount of venom an animal is infected with will inturn also affect the amount of anti-venom administered. Often one vial of anti-venom will be enough but sometimes more than one vial may be required if the animal is not responding.
- The earlier treatment is administered the better chance of survival of the animal



"Scratch a dog and you'll find a permanent job." - Franklin P Jones

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### **Please note :**

All vets in this practice are members of the AVA and all nurses are members of the VNCA. We all abide by their strict code of professional and ethical conduct of these Associations. We are committed to using our skills and knowledge for the welfare of animals and society.