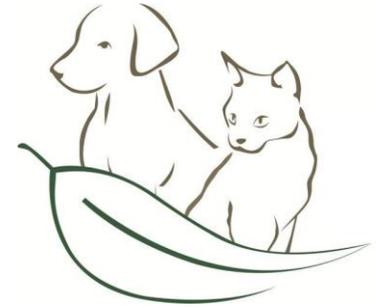


# Foothills Animal Hospital

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## Summer Newsletter



### GRASS SEEDS GALORE

Summer is here... and so is the arrival of the notorious grass seed! What's all the fuss about grass seeds you ask? Well, not only can grass seeds cause serious threat to your animal's health and well-being, if left too long, they can take a large chunk out of the owner's wallet too! Grass seeds are designed in a way that means they easily penetrate the ground and burrow deeper and deeper. This becomes an issue when they are penetrating your pet instead. In a similar way, once the skin has been penetrated, the seeds are able to burrow further and further into the animal's body- often resulting in infection.



*As you can imagine, this can cause serious stress and pain to the animal and can eventually turn life threatening.*

**PREVENTION IS KEY** in the battle against the grass seed! In summer, keep long-haired dogs clipped short (especially around the paws, groin and armpits.) Check ears and paws regularly after walks long grass and keep a close eye on any growing lumps around the body. If you are concerned at all, please don't hesitate to contact the clinic on 9497 7488 for more information.



### Meet... Jamie

Jamie joined the Foothills team earlier this year having been a Senior Vet Nurse at her old place of work. You will most likely be greeted by Jamie's happy face on reception during your visit.

She is also a whizz when it comes to insurance paperwork, microchips, council registrations and generally keeping things under control!

Jamie has a dog named Charlie who is a German Shepherd cross.

In her spare time, Jamie likes to paint.

Her special interests include canine and feline behavior.

We are thrilled to have Jamie on board and look forward to what the future holds.

### WAYS TO KEEP COOL THIS SUMMER

We're certainly not the only ones who will be feeling the heat this summer. Our pets are often left at home during the hottest parts of the day so it is important we not only find ways to keep them occupied but also ways to keep them cool.

Try some of the following:

- Make 'pupsicles' – water or stock
- Ice cubes in water bowls
- Puppy paddling pool
- Visit the dog beach
- Don't walk during the middle of the day
- Make sure the pavement is not too hot for little feet
- **Get creative!**



## Christmas Competiton WINNERS!

We asked to see the best Christmas dress-up photos and these were our absolute favourites!



### PARVO VIRUS - The biggest viral threat to the health of dogs in Australia

Preliminary results from a nation-wide survey focusing on Parvo virus in dogs have highlighted the serious and prolific nature of this awful disease. Dogs and puppies that are unvaccinated are at risk of contracting this disease and the onset of warmer weather often brings with it an increase in the number of cases we see. The nation-wide survey is an initiative of the University of Sydney in conjunction with the Australian Veterinary Association. Extrapolated results from 2016 report that there were approx. 20,000 cases within Australia with regional, rural and remote communities most severely affected. Within our home area of Armadale and surrounding areas we saw a large number of cases within that same year and participated in this important national survey with many clinics in the surrounding areas also reporting cases (see attached map). Protection from Parvo virus is simple to achieve. By ensuring your puppy or adult dog is up to date with their vaccinations you can continue enjoy outdoor adventures together with the peace of mind your best friend is parvo-protected.

Please contact the clinic on 9497 7488 to discuss your dog's individual needs and protection against parvo virus.



### NOW OFFERING CHIROPRACTIC TREATMENT

Foothills Animal Hospital is very excited to now offer chiropractic care for cats and dogs. **Dr Rachael Smith** has joined our team, she is a veterinarian and a member of the International Veterinary Chiropractic Association.

The style of chiropractic she uses is a gentle method which is aimed at the adjustment of just one joint at a time and is usually very well accepted by the animals.

If you are interested in learning more or would like to book an appointment, please call the clinic on 9497 7488.