



# 4PAWS VET

## NEWSLETTER WINTER 2011

### STAFF NEWS

- We are delighted to welcome back UK Nurse Rachel Lowry. Rachel has accepted a sponsorship with 4PAWS and we are thrilled to have her back!
- Congratulations to nurse Camilla Stewart who has had a baby boy, Lachlan. Currently on maternity leave, Camilla regularly brings Lachlan in to 4PAWS to visit all his "Aunties"!
- Nurse Melanie Hollingsworth is currently completing an additional qualification - Emergency and Critical Care Veterinary Nursing. The 6 month diploma has just 13 places awarded and Melanie was selected to participate. We are very proud of her!

### TIRE D OF YOUR DOG DRAGGING YOU??!

The team at Vision Personal Training Neutral Bay are offering our valued clients at 4 Paws a special deal - to have you in as good a shape as your pet!

The offer includes two weeks unlimited gym access, free group sessions and two one-on-one sessions with a qualified personal trainer per week valued at \$500

To take advantage of this offer contact top trainer Nick Davidson 0438 870 161. You can also email the team at [clucas@visionpt.com](mailto:clucas@visionpt.com) to start your 2 weeks free training.

Make sure you mention that you are a valued client at 4 Paws!

### ADVERSE FOOD REACTIONS.

#### *Is my dog allergic to food?*

Does your dog show signs of regular vomiting, diarrhoea, stomach cramping, skin rashes or ear infections? If so, your dog may be allergic to something in its diet.

We see a number of dogs with any of the above symptoms and if they are caused by a diet allergy, they can quite often be resolved.

Food allergies commonly develop at a young age, but can develop at any time. Food reactions can occur suddenly, even if your dog has been eating the same diet for years.

The foods that most commonly cause an allergic reaction include beef, dairy or chicken. The component that usually causes the allergy is one or more of the animal proteins in the food.

If your dog is showing any of the signs listed above please contact us here at 4 Paws as soon as possible for an appointment. The vets can review your dog so a treatment strategy can be devised and a food trial commenced if necessary.

Many of our patients with food allergies live a happy and healthy life once they have been diagnosed and managed on the appropriate diet.

## CUTTING EDGE TECHNOLOGY AT 4PAWS

We have all seen that sickening tackle in football. The player goes down, rolls around on the ground and clutches at his knee. The stretcher comes out, as does the trusty old ice pack and an extra mouth guard to bite down on... the news is not good; he has done his knee! The scenario is one that plays out over the nation on a weekly basis. The dreaded **rupture of the cruciate ligament**. It is a player's nightmare, a physiotherapist's dream.

You might think that this is an injury limited to us humans. However, you might be surprised to know that this very same injury is one of the most common orthopaedic afflictions to affect your furry friend and is caused by rupture of the anterior cruciate ligament. Just like us, the injury is often caused by boisterous physical activity or an excessive force applied at just the wrong time. However, the injury can also occur for no apparent reason, and we still don't know why this occurs in our furry companions.

The good news is that we can treat this injury. Just recently at 4 Paws Vet, we introduced a cutting-edge surgical method to treat this condition. We are one of the leading clinics to adopt this new surgical technology. The new technique allows us to treat your pet more effectively and get him or her back on their feet far more quickly than in the past. The procedure does involve a bit of metal, but never fear, we won't be turning your best friend into a bionic pet.....just yet!

For more information please call Dr Nathan Harris at 4 Paws Vet

## PETS IN THE CITY NEWS

### *Pets in the City space savers*

- Pets in the City is the first to stock the amazing new "Cat Condo"! This stylish, space-saving cat apartment keeps your cats litter tray, food and water bowls and bed contained in one chic, discreet unit.
- "YEP YUP" hanging organisers keep all your pets' bits and pieces together and out of the way. They feature pockets and hooks for treats, collars, toys and grooming tools and come in a gorgeous range of colours.
- Ezy dog have released a fantastic new pet transporter for cats and small dogs. Made of durable, lightweight neoprene, they fold completely flat for storage, making them as practical as they are good looking.
- Don't forget to book your dog in for a grooming appointment over the colder months. Winter coats need regular maintenance!!