



CALLING ALL PORKY PETS !

PetFit PROGRAM



Wilston Vet has launched a **"PetFit"** program in conjunction with  Pet Foods to encourage pet owners to slim down their tubby feline and canine companions.

We are running a competition to find the **"Pet Slimmer of the Year"** who will win \$2000 worth of travel vouchers (for their owners) and one year's supply of Hills Pet Food. You just need to register your Porky Pet with our nurse Kelly, who will guide you through a nutrition and exercise regime to shed your pet's excess kilos. **REGISTRATION IS FREE** and includes an initial nurse health consultation, regular weigh-ins, plus a food and exercise program tailored to your individual pet's needs.

With over 40% of Australian pets considered overweight or obese, this is an opportunity to slim down your pudgy pet back to a healthy weight. Overweight pets are at a higher risk of many harmful conditions including heart disease, fatty liver disease, diabetes, respiratory problems, and arthritis, to name just a few. Owners are often unaware just how bad snacks can be for their pets. Did you know that giving your cat 1 cup of milk is the equivalent of giving yourself 4 hamburgers?

Call Kelly at Wilston Vet on 3357 3882 to arrange a free weight consultation and visit our website for more information www.wilstonvet.com.au or the **"PetFit"** website at www.petfit.com.au.

Let us encourage and motivate you to allow your pet to lead a happier healthier life. **IT'S FREE TO JOIN !**

NEW FLEA CONTROL PRODUCT: COMFORTIS®

Fleas are a major problem all year round in Brisbane. Your pet may be exposed to these blood-sucking parasites anywhere: in your own backyard, when you are on walks or even in your own home.

Each female flea can produce 40 to 50 eggs a day, up to 2000 in their lifetime. Even a few fleas can turn into a major infestation in a matter of days. Comfortis® is the first FDA-approved, chewable, beef-flavored tablet that kills fleas and prevents flea infestations on dogs for a full month.

It starts killing fleas within 30 minutes, before they can even lay eggs. Bathing your dog does not reduce its efficacy, as it is an oral product which does not rely on sticking to the hair. It is extremely safe for your dog and is actually made from a plant fungus, unlike many other flea control products which are chemical pesticides. Pop into the surgery for more information on this revolutionary new product.



NEW CATTERY SUITE: "The Royal Suite"



Wilston Vet has just finished building a Royal Suite for pampered cats.

The suite hosts air-conditioning, a window view, a large floor space, a fancy bed and a massive cat gym as well as tunnels and toys.

There is only one royal suite available, so book early to avoid disappointment. The suite is able to house up to 3 cats (from the one family). If you would like to view the suite, please visit our website, or telephone the surgery to book a viewing appointment.



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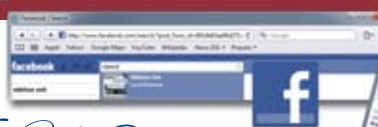


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STAFF NEWS



Dr Kate

Wilston Vet is excited to have Dr Kate back working with us full time. Kate left the practice 2 years ago for an overseas working holiday and has finally come back to Australia (for good we hope). Whilst in the UK Kate gained invaluable experience at several busy small animal clinics. Many of you would have had the pleasure of meeting Kate in the past.

We also welcome Dr Amisha from New Zealand. Amisha has a special interest in pocket pets including reptiles, birds and rodents so we are delighted to be able to treat a variety of species now.

Jess, our junior nurse has decided to take a 12 month working holiday to the UK so we wish her all the best and hope to see her back at Wilston Vet in the future.

Dr Meredith is taking some long service leave for a few months, and will be back later in the year.



Dr Amisha



Nurse Kelly

Our casual vet Dr Anita has recently given birth to a beautiful baby boy Alex. Both Mum and bub are doing well. We can expect to see Anita back later in the year as well.

Congratulations are in order for Karen, our head nurse, who recently graduated from her final year of vet nursing studies.

THANK-YOU : Kelly has just returned from 6 weeks volunteering at the Esther Honey Foundation (EHF) in the Cook Islands. Kelly would like to thank our clients who generously donated money to help fund her trip.

Also a big thank-you to Provet, our veterinary wholesaler, who collected stockpiles of near expired drugs and disposable supplies for Kelly to take on her trip to help support the animal hospital there.

Wilston Vet funded Kelly's return airfare, and she donated all of her annual holiday leave to help out at the foundation. The EHF is the only veterinary clinic for the Cook Islands' thousands of companion animals and it treats all of the companion and stray animals free of charge.



Kelly at EHF

CAR SICK CANINES



Canine motion sickness is the leading reason pet owners are not able to take their dogs on day trips or holidays. We encourage you to talk to us about managing travel with your dog. One in four dogs will suffer from vomiting caused by motion sickness. It can prevent your whole family from taking a trip, causing you to miss out on adventures together.

There is a new medication for the prevention of motion sickness in dogs. It's an easy to give, once daily tablet that will not make your dog drowsy. With a little pre-trip planning, and with the benefits of this new treatment option, motion sickness no longer needs to be a reason to leave the family dog behind.

JUST FOR LAUGHS . . .

Two cows were talking in the field.

One cow says,
"Have you heard about the Mad Cow disease that's going around?"

The other cow answers,
"Yeah, makes you glad you're a penguin, doesn't it?"

