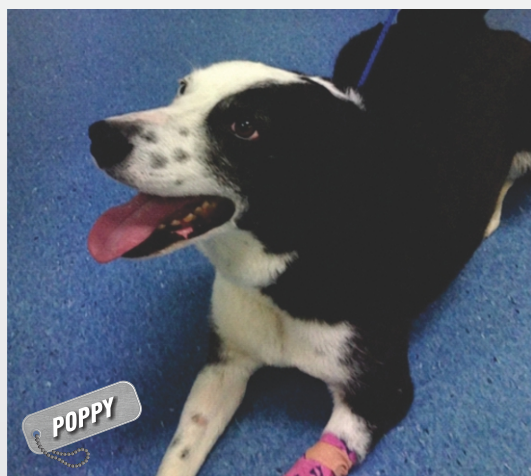


Pet of the Month "Poppy" - The great survivor!



This month's Pet of the month is Poppy, a five year old Border Collie who has been a wonderfully brave patient while being treated for Tick Paralysis. This is the fourth time that she has had paralysis, so she is a lucky girl to survive again, thanks to the vigilance and quick thinking of her parents.

We treat tick paralysis by using an antiserum which is made from dog plasma. What this means is that the more often a dog receives the antiserum, the more likely their body is to react unfavourably to the foreign proteins present in the plasma, possibly causing an anaphylactic reaction which can be fatal. To prevent this from happening to Poppy, we pre-treated her with several strong drugs to dampen her immune response. Fortunately she came through the treatment like a real trooper.

September, October and November are the highest risk months for picking up a paralysis tick, so please be very watchful at the moment, checking your pet daily for any unusual lumps and bumps. We are finding a lot of our clients are having great success using a new tick collar on the market called Scalibor, which lasts for a full 3 months and is odourless. Have a chat to one of our receptionists if you would like some more information on tick prevention.

Mirror Mirror on the Wall, who is the Most Toxic of us all?



Poppy's case got me thinking; **size for size, ticks must be up there with some of the world's most deadly toxins**, considering a tick the size of a small pea can kill a Great Dane!

As far as deadly toxins are concerned, we are spoilt for choice locally with the following all being pretty nasty:

Box jellyfish, Irukandji, Inland taipan, Stonefish, Funnel web spider, Common death adder, Cone shells, Red back spider, Red bellied black snake and Lionfish.

But size for size the Paralysis Tick gives them a run for their money!

E mail us at admin@mcdowallvets.com.au if you would like us to send you a **free e book** on tick paralysis which will tell you all you need to know about this nasty disease.



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Welcome Lauren!

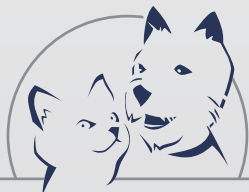
Many of you will already have had the pleasure of meeting Dr Lauren Fraser, who joined us at the beginning of September. Our overriding aim at McDowall vets is to make veterinary care **friendly, approachable and convenient**. With this in mind, we realised as we continued to grow, that we needed another vet to help increase the consult times available to you, so after an extensive interview process, we hand-picked Lauren.

We are really excited to have her join our team; she is an exceptional vet of the highest calibre, with lots of experience with both dogs and cats, but more importantly has the high level of empathy, compassion and gentle bedside manner that our clients have grown to expect when visiting us.

Having an extra vet allows us to offer **more appointments** and means that we will now have two vets consulting every evening until 7pm, which hopefully allows you to have more access to those later after work appointments which are so useful when trying to fit everything into the busy working day.

It will also allow us to perform more **house calls** for our clients when required. We realise that for many pets, a home visit is a lot more practical and less stressful. Please give us a ring to arrange a home visit if required.

Lauren adores cats and has a young Jack Russell puppy called "Hippo" (don't ask!!) Feel free to say "Hi!" when you are next passing by.



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