



Pet of the Month:- "Jack"

Jack, a boisterous Jack Russell, presented to McDowall Vet practice in mid-May because he was feeling a little under the weather. His owners had found a paralysis tick on his tummy and removed it 4 hours prior to bringing Jack in to see us. Since then, Jack had become wobbly on his back legs and was having difficulty breathing. He was admitted into hospital immediately for further assessment and treatment. Jack required an intra-venous injection of tick anti-serum, however, because he had previously been treated with tick antiserum 6 months earlier, there was an increased risk of him reacting badly to the medicine. To counteract this we had to give him some strong anti rejection drugs before administering the anti-serum.

Jack was monitored intensively for the rest of the day and he progressed well. He was kept on intravenous fluids to prevent him from becoming dehydrated but was not allowed to eat or drink.

The tick toxin can affect the body in many different ways but one of the most common effects is that it reduces the patients ability to swallow. This means that if any food or water is given via the mouth the animal could end up with the food or water in their lungs, a potentially deadly consequence.

Jack spent 24 hours in hospital and by the next day was feeling a lot better. It was wonderful to be greeted by his wagging tail, and see him relaxed and breathing more normally. Jack continued to improve throughout the day and after showing us that he could eat and drink properly he was allowed to go home.

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The story doesn't end there though...due to the long acting effects of the tick toxin, Jack required special home care for the next week and wasn't allowed to return to heavy exercise for a month. We are pleased to report now that Jack has made a full recovery and is back to being as cheeky and boisterous as normal.

Unfortunately not all animals that pick up ticks are as lucky as Jack. In spite of the continued research and medical advances in the area of tick toxicity, tick poisoning still claims many pets lives every year in Brisbane and the surrounding areas. For that reason it is important that every pet gets checked twice daily during the tick season for any ticks.

In Brisbane the worst of our tick season runs from **August to April; (Tip: EKKA to Easter)** with the most severe months being *August, September and November*. We hate seeing pets suffer from this terrible disease, so PLEASE start applying your Advantix or frontline to your dogs every 2 weeks as of now, or fit a tick collar. Advantix and tick collars are poisonous to cats so please don't use these on them, but rather spray them with frontline spray. Please come and discuss your tick prevention needs with us if you need assistance.



Dental Month

*August is Dental Month at
McDowall Veterinary Practice!*



Dental health is vitally important for our pets as the health of their mouths has a profound effect on the health of the rest of their bodies. Due to the gums excellent blood supply, infections in our teeth and gums rapidly travel through our blood stream to the rest of our body where new infections are established in susceptible organs, especially the heart and the kidneys.



Also, as we know from our own experience, dental disease can be incredibly painful and debilitating.

In order to promote good dental health for our pets, we are offering **free dental checks** throughout August and also **10% off any dental treatment required during the month.**

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