

# devoted vets

*for your animal's life!*



# for your pet's health

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## Spring 2015

Facebook  
to the rescue!

Read about  
Presto's story  
on Facebook

Outbreak of  
fatal feline  
enteritis in  
Melbourne

Indoor cats  
need to be  
vaccinated too!

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Seek  
professional  
help fast if ear  
problems  
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Get "Da Bird"  
for your cats!

## How one Facebook post saved a horse's life!

When Presto, a 35 year old thoroughbred mare's 92 year old owner went into aged care, the mare's life was in danger. We placed a call for help on our Facebook page and were staggered by the response.



The post went viral! It was seen by over 47,500 people and was shared over 550 times. As a result, a wonderful loving and forever home was found for Presto and she is now settling in with new friends.

You can read more about Presto's story at [www.facebook.com/devotedvets](http://www.facebook.com/devotedvets)



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We have upgraded our Facebook page, and now post regularly with news on pet health, hot tips, and product information. Like Devoted Vets to get the latest!

## Cat lovers, is your cat currently vaccinated?

An outbreak of feline enteritis (cat parvo-virus) in Melbourne has highlighted the need to make sure your cat is fully vaccinated. Feline enteritis causes a severe loss of white blood cells and a fatal, bloody diarrhea.

With the movement of kittens out of adoption centres, and relocation of cat owners in and out of Melbourne, cats in the West Gippsland area certainly aren't safe from this threat.

The standard "F4" vaccination covers feline enteritis, but make sure your cat's vaccination status is current! If vaccination has lapsed, call us on 5623 2525 to book a vaccination.



Even if your cats are kept indoors, they should still be vaccinated. If they need a visit to the vets for any problem, current vaccination is the best protection.

## Checked your dog's ears recently?

Ear disease is one of the most common problems for both dogs and pet owners alike. To make matters worse, once ear infections are established, they can be hard to cure.

Dog's ears are prone to infection because their ear canals start with a vertical part, directed downwards. This means their ears drain poorly, and if moisture gets in during a swim or bath, infection can start.

Secondly some dogs have extra folds of cartilage at the opening of the canal, and this can lead to additional drainage problems. Thirdly, breeds like poodles and cavoodles have hairy ear canals, preventing good ventilation. In addition, wax can build up and block the canals.



In puppies ear mites can cause disease, and in summer, grass seeds can enter the ear canal. Ouch!

We routinely check puppies ears every visit for ear mites, and adult dog's ears on every health check, but prevention relies on owners being vigilant about their dogs' ear health.

**Here's what to do: regularly lift your dog's ears and check the opening to the ear canal. It should be clean! Get a vet exam immediately if there is a discharge, odour or any other problem. Just phone Devoted Vets on 5623 2525**



Some dogs require regular ear maintenance to rinse wax build-up from their ear canals.

One of the products we recommend is Blackmore's Gentle Ear Cleaner.

This liquid is squeezed directly into the ear canal, flooding it. The canal is then massaged for 30 seconds to shift the wax, then the excess is gently wiped away.

Once weekly use helps keep ears clean.

## Claira's Corner

"What is this thing?" asks Claira.

Claira and Charlie love playing with "Da Bird." It's a collection of feathers on a long line, and provides hours of entertainment and exercise for indoor cats. It has Claira and Charlie's stamp of approval, and you can purchase Da Bird from Devoted Vets.



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### Clinic Hours

Monday and Thursday: 8am to 7 pm

Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday: 8am to 5pm

Saturday: 9am to 12 noon