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### *Dr Sasha warns of the dangers of Parvovirus*

Parvovirus is a deadly disease and VERY contagious. As the name suggests, it is a virus, one that has many effects on the body. The virus invades the body's bone marrow where red blood cells and other immune fighting cells are produced, hence reducing the body's defence mechanisms, and invades and destroys the cells that line the small intestine, causing it to slough off. This is very painful for the dog, and allows nasty toxins from the gut to be absorbed into the dog's blood stream. All treatment is supportive, because unlike bacteria which can be treated with antibiotics, there are few anti-virals on the market which can help dogs affected by parvo-virus.



Dr Sasha Laws-King says no matter how big or small, young or old, your dog is, it needs to be up to date with Parvovirus vaccinations.

“Treating Parvovirus is difficult due to the nature of the disease. Successful cases are diagnosed early on and aggressive supportive therapy initiated immediately,” she said.

“It is incredibly contagious and we have a separate isolation area, highly qualified veterinary nurses and procedures in place to ensure the virus is not spread.”

Fortunately the disease is very easily controlled by keeping your pets up to date with their vaccinations.

A full health check is always performed prior to vaccinating your pet so any other concerns you have can be discussed at that time or other health issues like dental disease or heart disease can be picked up early. Please call us on 4632 8333 if you have any further questions or would like to book vaccinations for your pet.



**\*\*New product\*\* NexGard -**

From the makers of FRONTLINE Plus, Nexgard for dogs kills adult fleas before they lay eggs, and kills ticks, too. NexGard Chewables are the first oral treatment that offers effective flea & tick control for dogs for a full month. It's a simple as one chew, once a month! NexGard is available in packs of 3 and 6 with a pack to suit most dogs. Contact us on 4632 8333 for further information and pricing.

**Colour Vibe!**



Dr Paul, Dr Sasha, Tiffany, Chantal and family participated in the inaugural Colour Vibe running event which was held in Toowoomba recently. This event raised much needed funds for Global Care – assisting drought affected families throughout Australia.

It was a remarkably successful event raising over \$250,000 for such a great cause. They all stood out from the crowd in their animal-themed costumes!

Much fun and laughter was had by all !!!

**Did you know...**

**We offer a 24 hour emergency service?**

By calling 4632 8333 at any time of day or night you will always be able to receive Veterinary advice and care from one of the Veterinarians you know and trust.



**Staff Profile – Chantal Jerrard**



Chantal has recently returned to Toowoomba Veterinary Hospital after a short absence. She is a highly trained Veterinary Nurse. Chantal tells us that she lives in a

crazy home with her fishing mad husband Paul and her two sons; George the football fanatic and Rylie the cat man! Chantal has a bouncy cattle dog named Jake, two cats Dooley & Henry and her much loved birds Sao and Bickie. She is delighted to be back working with the staff of TVH and is looking forward to meeting all of our clientele both the human and the furry kind !!!