



Paws, Claws and More

Mount Hutton Pet Hospital Newsletter



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Important changes at Mount Hutton Pet Hospital

Due to the ongoing situation surrounding Covid-19 and the stresses it brings with it, MHPH has decided to temporarily reduce our hours. We hope that by doing this it will allow us to continue to provide the same high level of care for both our clients and our patients, while allowing our staff the time needed to complete all tasks asked of them.

Our current Covid-19 Trading hours are as follows:

Monday to Friday 8am-6pm

Saturday and Sunday 8am-12pm

Consults are still by appointment only and we ask all clients to try and arrive 5 minutes prior to their appointments. We ask that you wait outside when you arrive and one of our friendly nurses will come to greet you. We are allowing one person to come into the clinic with the pet when the vets are ready for them, we ask that you sign in on our Covid-19 attendance sheet and sanitizer your hands with the products provided. *Thank you to all our wonderful clients for being truly understanding during this crazy time. xx*

**All After Hours Emergency care will now be provided by
AREC- Animal Emergency and Referral Centre at 4 Lang Road, Broadmeadow.
Phone: 1300 838 669**



Mount Hutton Pet Hospital is now a FINALISTS for The Australian Local Business Awards. Just to be nominated is such an honour and now we are finalists!! We are so thankful to our hardworking team, and wonderful clients and all their furry, feathery, and scaly friends! We still need your votes, please head on over to The Business Awards website and search for Mount Hutton Pet Hospital. It takes only 1 minute to vote for us, just don't forget to finalise your vote by confirming the email they send you. Thank you again, from all the MHPH team!
<https://thebusinessawards.com.au/business/38419/Mount-Hutton-Pet-Hospital>

It's A Girl



Congratulations to Dr Dolly and her husband Steve on the birth of their daughter Willow. With their son Theodore they now have a perfect pigeon pair. We wish them all the happiness in the world and look can't wait to have Dr Dolly back next year.



TICK ALERT!!

It's Tick season once again and we are already seeing cases in clinic. Please make sure your pets are up to date with flea and tick medication! If you're unsure about what's right for your pet please contact the friendly MHPH staff and we can go through all the options with you.

Peacock

Mantis shrimp *Odontodactylus scyllarus*, more

commonly known as the Peacock or Rainbow mantis shrimp.

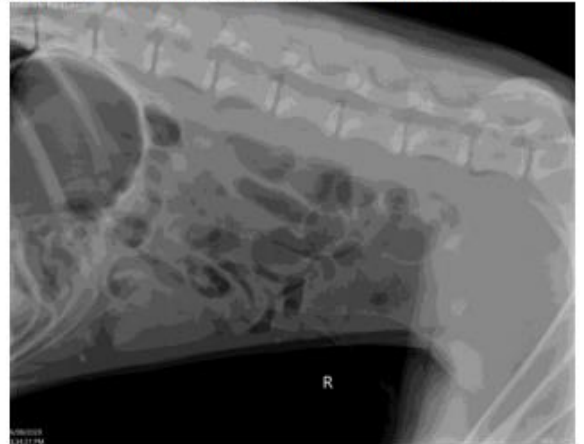
Despite their name they are not shrimps or a mantis, they are stomatopoda. Stomatopoda means they have gills on the abdomen instead of around the face or neck. The body of the mantis shrimp is comprised of a short thorax (chest) followed by a long abdomen with their gills and six legs. They can grow up to 50cm in length, but more commonly 15cm. Their eyes are on long stalks with the ability to move them independently so they can see on coming prey, predators or foe. The eyes have 12 to 16 different colour photoreceptors in the retinas, meaning they can see three times more colour than humans. Not only can they see more colours and clearer than humans they also have the ability to detect cancer cells according to the researchers at the University of Queensland. They believe the compact eyes can detect the lesions and activity of neurons before there are visible tumours. The thorax has strong claws that sit in an almost praying mantis position. This arm position along with the bright colours is where the peacock mantis shrimp gets its name from. These arms can extend out at an extraordinarily fast speed which can be the speed of a bullet shot from a 22 calibre rifle. That is an amazing 2736 KM per hour. With this method of punching they are called a smashing predator. Punching their prey in the face / body. This will kill their prey; they mainly eat crustaceans or fish. With this blow it will either break apart the crustaceans and weakening them or for the fish this will kill them. Despite their aggressive behaviour and defences they still have predators; these being larger fish, humans and specifically the yellow fin tuna are the main threat. The mantis shrimp is also monogamous, meaning they will stay with the same partner their whole life.



This story is a warning for the owners of all the chewers and destructive dogs out there!



Freya, a 12 month old great dane, was just not herself at the start of one week. She came in for a check-up and some xrays as she continued to feel unwell, was very lethargic and started vomiting and going off her food. After some xrays and no improvement, it was suspected that she may have something stuck in her intestines. On xrays, her intestines appeared larger than normal and full of gas. Normal intestines should have gas, fluid and faecal material moving through all the time. Freya's xrays showed little change over the course of the day. No change is one of the biggest clues to an obstruction in a part of the intestine.



The decision was made to go to surgery to investigate. Lucky for

Freya, a blockage was discovered and removed. The culprit? Almost 1m piece of blanket! Her owners had taken it from her almost 2 weeks earlier after tearing it to pieces. It had stayed in the stomach until part of it migrated through into the small intestine and then became stuck.

Complete obstructions from foreign objects can be life threatening if not corrected quickly. Stomach acid and other ingested contents became backlogged behind the obstruction, like a bucket overflowing. Clinically, animals commonly present with inappetance, vomiting, lethargy and an inability to keep food or water down. A history of being a chewer or destroyer of toys, bedding or any other foreign

material is also common.

A common example are Labradors with their love of chewing everything are common culprits! Unlucky for Freya, her kidneys became injured after surgery as a secondary complication. She had to be hospitalised for a few days on medication and intense intravenous fluid therapy. After a few days she was much brighter, eating like a champion and her bloodwork had returned to normal (her kidneys were better!). She was then able to be sent home after almost a week in hospital.



Her story is one of caution – if you know your dog has a tendency to destroy and eat things they shouldn't, be very aware of any of the above signs which may mean they are unwell. If you are concerned at all, please get your fur baby seen to!

WITH HALLOWEEN BECOMING A GROWING TREND IN AUSTRALIA, LAST YEAR WE HELD OUR VERY FIRST HALLOWEEN COSTUME COMPETITION ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE. IT WAS SO MUCH FUN AND SUCH A SUCCESS THAT WE ARE DOING IT AGAIN THIS YEAR!! TO ENTER SIMPLY POST A PIC ON THE COMPETITION POST ON FACEBOOK OR EMAIL IT TO US AT reception@mthuttonvet.com.au



Staff Profile -

Jacqui

Jacqui graduated with her vet nursing certificate in mid-2018. Originally from Sydney, has been nursing in Hornsby since 2017, moving to MHPH in 2018. I have a Staffy cross called Randall and a Bearded Dragon called Bernie.

I am especially interested in wildlife and zoo species, having volunteered at the Australian Reptile Park for 2.5 years and previously owning a Spotted Python. I really enjoy specialty surgery cases and interesting internal medicine cases.



For the month of September we are offering discounted Cat and Dog Desexing*

Mention this ad when booking in to receive the 20% off discount.

*Terms and conditions apply. 20% off is for Desexing procedure cost only and does not include any additional extras or medications to take home.

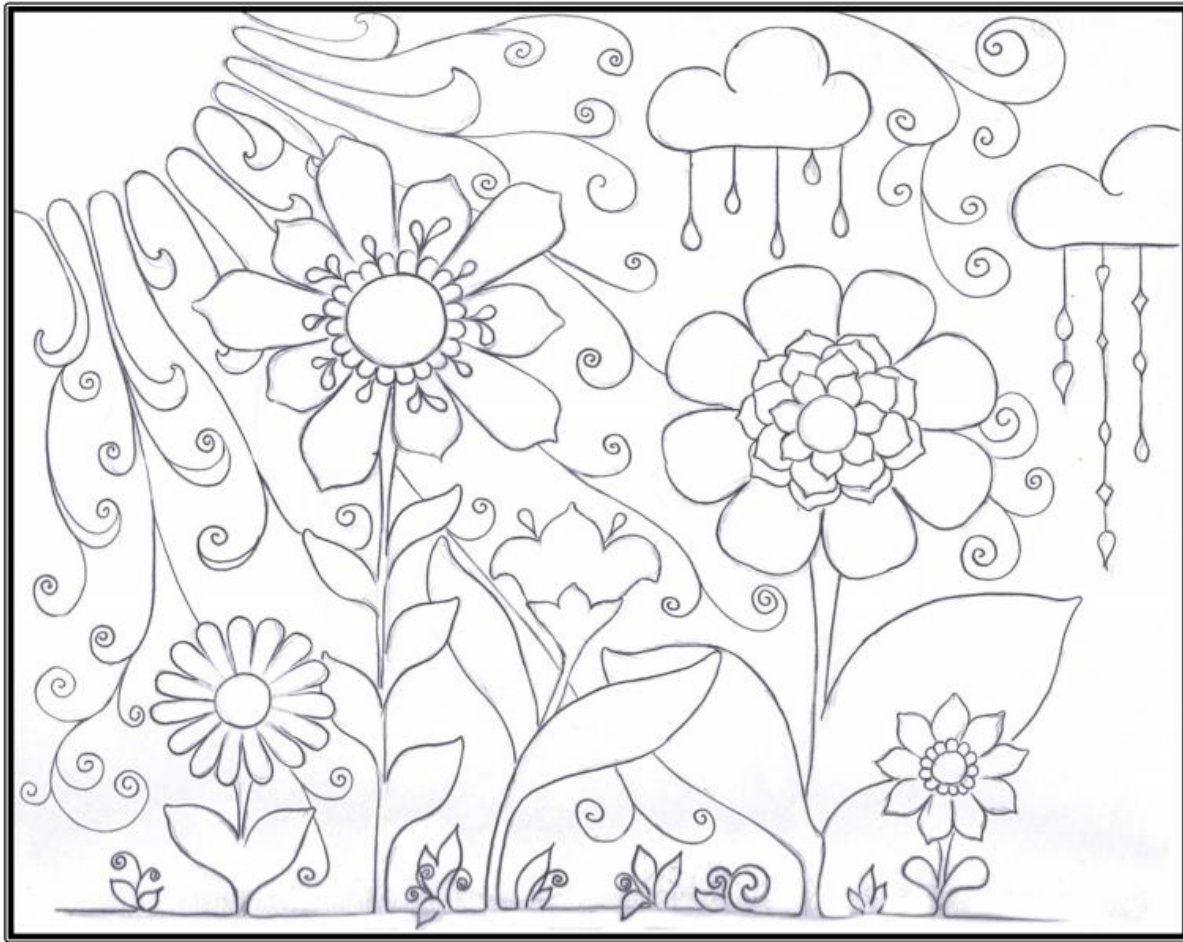
Did you know... At MHPH we have a very special clinic pet called Dr Jangles.

He is an 11 year old Carpet python. He enjoys lounging around in the sun and the occasional walk around the clinic with our nurses.

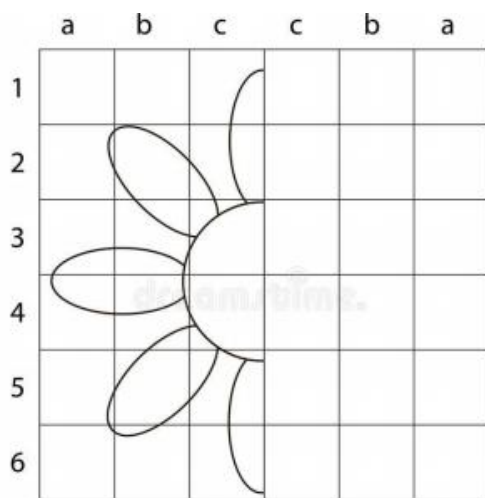
He earned his Honourary Doctorate by observing countless hours of Veterinary work in our clinic.

He isn't the cuddliest of pets but we sure think he's cute!!

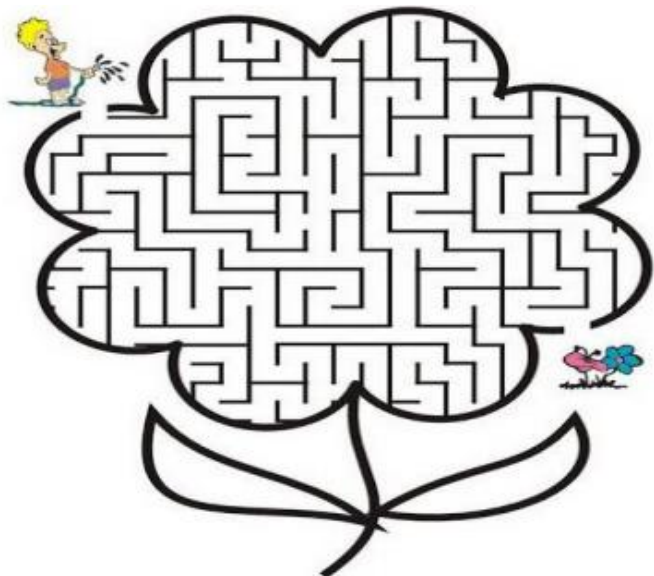




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