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**We are re-launching our Website in 2008.**

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In our last addition we featured a section that profiled two of our staff members. We thought it would be a great idea to continue this so you get to know some things about our highly educated and diverse team.

Samantha (Sam) Collins has been part of the BVP team for 17 yrs. She started off working part time at our Ocean Grove Hospital. When she completed her Certificate in Veterinary Nursing, she then became a full time nurse at Newcomb. Sam went on to have two children and now works 3 days a week at Ocean Grove. She loves working at BVP and being part of such a wonderful practice. Sam has no plans on leaving anytime soon!!

Amy Kayler-Thomson has been the Saturday nurse at the Newcomb Hospital for the past 2 years. Prior to BVP, Amy was a nurse at the Ocean Grove Animal Hospital. She is currently in the 3<sup>rd</sup> year of her Veterinary Science degree at the University of Melbourne. Amy also does relief work during her holidays. Amy loves all aspects of her job and finds the experience she gains priceless.

## \*\*\*WARNING\*\*\*

Many supermarket brand DOG flea treatments are potentially fatal if applied to cats. Please read packages carefully to avoid this heart breaking mistake.

In general, avoid using any DOG specific products on cats or other pets unless directed by your Veterinarian.



HELLO there all my animal friends! It's time to update you all on the happenings at BVP. We have a new Vet, Ange Wellington, who joined us in 2007.

Dr Justin Trudgeon is back on deck after spending 6mths in the UK. Welcome back Justin!

Louise Travaille, Vanessa Jaski and Rebecca Ballard have joined our nursing/reception team.

Sadly Nadine Williams and Lucy Barber have moved on to new ventures. We wish them well.

Our Ocean Grove Hospital is currently extending to accommodate the growth in the area. Once completed, there will be a new surgery, kennel area & grooming room, another consulting room & more car parking - Yeah!

It will be FANTASTIC for both staff and clients!

# Doggydayplay



Many Australians own a pet, and 38% of these are dogs. These dogs have moved from the backyard into the living rooms and even the bedrooms. While people want to have dogs, they often feel guilty when their busy lives prevent them from spending quality time with their pets. Some families are working longer hours and struggling constantly to find a balance between family needs and work requirements. In response to owners' busy lifestyles and an increased desire to pamper their pets, DOGGY DAY PLAY and Bellarine Animal Hospital is offering "Geelong's FIRST canine enrichment facility".

The benefits of DOGGY DAY PLAY are numerous:

1. Increases their social skills with other dogs.
2. Burns off energy which makes for a well rested dog in the evenings.
3. Alleviates behaviour problems by being active and managed by qualified staff.
4. Gives owners peace of mind knowing their dog will be well cared for.



DOGGY DAY PLAY has indoor and outdoor play areas and can cater for up to 25 dogs. There are 3 separate and secure play areas for all sizes, personalities and activity levels and dogs are grouped accordingly. The indoor facility has a rubber floor to ensure nails and pads are protected while playing. The outdoor areas have 6ft fencing, shady trees, tug toys, a huge sandpit, wading pool and dog friendly playground equipment – all on dog safe bark chips and grass. All our doggy guests have regular, scheduled rest times and positive reinforcement training is used throughout the day.

Access to plenty of water is available at all times. There is a minimum of one staff member for each ten dogs – supervising and interacting with the dogs at ALL times.

All dogs wishing to be part of these fun filled playgroups must attend an "interview" (behaviour assessment) to ensure that DOGGY DAY PLAY is suitable for them. People/Dog friendly dogs which are not protective of water, toys or space are ideal candidates for this action packed off lead environment.

DOGGY DAY PLAY is just like a child care facility! Whilst parents shop, run errands or work, DOGGY DAY PLAY provides your four legged furry friends with a fun, safe and stimulating environment. Managed by qualified and caring staff, DOGGY DAY PLAY has been especially designed for fun and the safety of your beloved pooch!

For your convenience, hours of operation are Monday to Friday from  
7.00am – 6.30pm.

DOGGY DAY PLAY is situated at our Newcomb Hospital  
65 Coppards Rd. For more information please phone 52487444.