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Dental Month has Arrived!

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Free dental checks for AVA dental month

Dental disease is one of the most common problems diagnosed in pets, with Australian vets finding four out of five dogs and cats over the age of three years exhibit some level of dental disease.

In pets, dental disease can cause bad breath, infection and pain. It can also lead to serious illness, as if left untreated, infected gums can allow bacteria to enter your pet's bloodstream and the bacteria can lodge in small blood vessels, most commonly in the liver or kidneys, which can cause life-threatening disease.

August is pet dental health month, and the Australian Veterinary Association (AVA) reminds pet owners, that having a regular pet dental health check with your veterinarian is important to detect and manage dental disease in pets. As part of the dental month campaign, NVC is offering FREE nurse dental checks throughout August.

We have limited appointments available during the week, during which the nurses will look for: abnormalities of the teeth or gums, including gingivitis, missing or broken teeth, periodontitis and oral masses. They will also provide advice on monitoring oral health at home and strategies to prevent dental disease. Please call reception on 02 6182 0111 for availability.



A Note on Anaesthesia and Dentistry

In recent years there have been increasing numbers of providers offering pet dentistry without anaesthesia. The RSPCA and the Australian Veterinary Association both recommend that dentistry is performed under full general anaesthesia. Click [Here](#) to find out more on why this is recommended.

Introducing Sanos and Oralvive – what's the deal?

If your pet has been recommended, or received a dental treatment at Northside in the last 6 months, you may have heard of these 2 new treatments we are offering as part of our dental disease management. But what are these products, and how do they help?

SANOS

SANOS is a product available to help extend the duration of beneficial effects from a professional dental treatment. It is a polymer sealant that is applied into the gingival space between the gums and the teeth after dental plaque and calculus is removed from the teeth. It sets and forms a physical barrier between the periodontal space and the bacteria in the mouth. This can prevent these harmful bacteria from migrating down to the areas where they cause damage to the periodontal ligament. This substance lasts about 6 months in the pet's mouth, and can potentially benefit ALL patients undergoing dental treatment. All patients undergoing a dental at Northside vet will be offered this treatment as part of their procedure.

ORALVIVE

Oralvive is a hyaluronic acid poloxamer gel. It can aid in healing on the mouth and reduce inflammation, as well as providing a physical barrier from bacteria. The use of this product is based on the treating veterinarian's diagnosis of the individual patient's oral disease, and is tooth by tooth assessed. In veterinary dentistry Oralvive can be used in the following ways:

- Applied into sockets after extractions. In this case it can help stimulate healing, reduce dry socket, and reduce post extraction infection and pain.

- Applied to teeth with early periodontal disease. Teeth with periodontal disease have a pocket around the shallow root region. As bacteria invade this region, the pocket gets deeper, and teeth become loose or painful. For these teeth application of oralvive may stimulate healing of the gum and periodontal ligament to close down this space and prevent bacteria entry. This can slow down the progression of periodontal disease, and prevent or delay the need for tooth extraction.
- Can be applied to gums with gingivitis to reduce inflammation and pain

Both of these products can help slow down the progression of dental disease, leading to less oral pain, and reducing the need for extractions. Neither of these products replace a full dental assessment and treatment, and will not work if appropriate dental treatment is not performed first.

**Hill's T/D - \$20 off when you buy in
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Remember this handsome fellow?

Meet the Rosenberg's Goanna!



Rosenberg's Goanna are large monitor lizards, only found in southern Australia. Much more than just one of our largest native reptiles, the unique monitor lizards have been known to recognise people's faces, migrate and return home from 12km away, and even count to 6!

Already listed as 'Vulnerable' in South Australia, Victoria and New South Wales, monitoring results are suggesting that they are declining in the ACT. Ainslie-Majura Nature Reserve is an important breeding habitat for the species. While past surveys have suggested there are around 6-10 Rosenberg's Goannas within the reserve complex, only 3 individuals were identified in 2020 and no animals were recorded on camera in 2021.

Thanks to a citizen science project led by the [National Parks Association of the ACT](#), our understanding of the goanna is rapidly increasing. The major threats to Rosenberg's Goanna populations include predation by foxes, injury and predation by dogs off leash, loss of woodland habitat and inappropriate fire regimes.

There are several ways the public can support conservation efforts, including following [dog regulations](#), driving carefully in parks and reserves and leaving woody debris where it's found. If you're lucky enough to spot a goanna, you can report the sighting on [NatureMapr](#). If you manage to get a face photo, it can also be added to the database of goanna individuals.

Recent Customer Reviews

I don't normally do Google reviews but this is an exception. The team at Northside Vet ARE exceptional. The frank, honest yet somehow still kind and empathetic communication style from all the team is remarkable. Despite

the busy-ness of day to day, the reception team are always friendly and interested in their four legged clients, as well as being genuine & efficient. My dogs LIKE going to the vet because of you all, and I cannot recommend Northside Vet highly enough. - Lavanna N

Always been great with me best veterinarian centre ever really good and professional with every visit I've been there for my dogs 🍌🐕🍌💯 -
Andrew A

These vets are a Northside institution. The staff seem to truly care about their patients and they'll tell you the honest truth when you need it. The free parking is a bonus. - John G

Caring lovely people. - Trann D

Riddle me this...

The strangest creature you'll ever find. I have two eyes in front and many more behind. What am I?

[Find the answer here!](#)





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