



Radio Show - For the past 15 months Dr Fiona has been hosting 'Pet Tales' on Capital Radio's 2CC. The program is on Sunday mornings from 9-10am. Feel free to send an email with topics or questions you would like covered or call **62554444** with any questions that may arise over the weekend... you may even win the weekly prize. Click on the link on our website and listen live over the internet!

Remember, our website is being updated regularly, so please feel free to **send in your photos** so we can add them to the site or include them in our newsletter.

Surgery Update

Routine Furrytales surgeries are performed on Tuesday mornings at our partner practice the West Queanbeyan Veterinary Hospital. Pets are dropped off at the practice between 8-8:30am & are able to be collected between 4-6pm. To make surgery bookings please contact the practice directly on 62975542 & book in as a 'Furrytales' client. The practice nurses will talk you through pre-op information. Pick up / drop off times can be flexible depending on your other commitments & travel requirements. If Tuesday mornings are not workable for you, surgery may be scheduled on an alternate weekday morning. Emergency surgeries & hospitalisations are daily as required.

Vaccination changes - Here is what to expect in the future...

The C3 (canine parvo, distemper & hepatitis viruses) component of the C5 vaccination will in the future be given as a triannual vaccination instead of annual from 1.5 yrs of age. The canine cough (C2) component remains annual as does the heartworm injection. So for dogs, there will be minimal change to the current vaccination schedule.

NB. Puppy / kitten schedules

remain the same. The F3 (feline) vaccination in the future will be registered for use tri annually, however presently the vaccination companies still recommend annual vaccinations and it is still



Continuing Education conferences recently attended by Dr Fiona Cox Animal Referral Hospital - Head Trauma & Corneal Disease. 2 online evening courses - Cardio-respiratory medicine & Acute Seizure Management. **Clients who have pet-related businesses are welcome to have a short listing in our**

required annually for boarding. The Feline Aids vaccination will remain annual. This does offer people the opportunity to use the recently released Feline Aids vaccination in place of the F3 vaccination & offer good protection for outdoor, at risk cats.

Annual health checks will remain our strong recommendation as they are an opportunity for good preventative health care

& allow early diagnosis of illnesses & cancer. Pet's life



expectancies have dramatically increased in recent decades due to regular veterinary care & good quality pet foods being readily available, so we do not want to see a decrease in this due to vaccination changes.

It is a concern that some people in the community may cease regular veterinary checkups and miss the 3-yrly injections and we may get a resurgence of some diseases. Diseases such as Distemper virus & severe cases of feline flu are seen infrequently in Canberra due to good vaccination protocols, but are rampant in countries with poor vaccination & lower socioeconomic areas. For senior pets it is recommended they should receive 6-monthly check ups. To support this Furrytales offers a 25% discount for a mid-year short check up (medications not included)

newsletter Jason Crisp - sells food for horses. Phone Jason on 0408681662 or jasoncrisp@bigpond.com (Jason supplies Dr Fiona's horses). Sue Bayly-Jones - runs Capital Concierge - see details on our website. Sue offers a comprehensive pet & house minding package.