



# THE WANGARATTA PAWPRINT

*The December newsletter for members of WKODC*

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## DECEMBER PRESIDENTS REPORT

Welcome to our December newsletter!

Every time I do a President report it continues to remind me of the great committee and club members that I have to support what is happening within our club I cannot thank you all enough for your continued support.

A President is the figure head of your club but the teamwork that supports that role is paramount of our continued successes.

You all continue to present the club in such a warm welcoming manner.

It is very pleasing to hear the comments made by our regular visitors how much they enjoy coming to Wangaratta Kennel and Obedience dog Club Inc. with such a friendly atmosphere within the club especially with improvements happening all the time to the Club.



To all our club members don't forget about supporting our sponsors as I have said in the past in today's tough economic climate we are always battling with ever increasing costs to our expenses and this is where our sponsors continue to play a vital role in the success of our club.

We have some great sponsors without them the club would be a lot poorer so please continue to support them. It is most pleasing to report that a lot of our members have had some great success in the various disciplines of our great sport of dog showing trialing etc. many qualifiers and tittles achieved.

Our beginners class Intake has continued with great numbers even over the colder months which is very unusual for this time of year but good for the club,

We have 5 new Instructors to our team this year with Melissa and Liam Murdock, Maryanne Blundy, Jackie Porter and Julie Kenealy Welcome and congratulations on your great achievements.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your families a very merry Xmas and a happy new year.

Until my next report have fun and enjoy yours and your canine companions successes

*Kevin Felmingham*  
President





# 2020 CALENDAR



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## DOG LICE

### What is Lice?

Dog infestation with lice is known as “canine pediculosis.” Lice are insects that live on the skin and fur of an affected pet. A “louse” is the term for a single insect. Lice are external parasites that chew on the skin or suck the blood, causing skin irritation, itchiness, and possible anemia in severe infestations. Untreated pets can develop pediculosis over the entire body. Infestations are more common in young pups, debilitated/malnourished animals or geriatric animals in unsanitary conditions. Infestations are not common in clean, healthy pets. Lice are tiny, species-specific external parasites that live on the skin and hair coat of dogs and other mammals. The lice that affect people are not the same as the lice that affect dogs or other animals, and they typically do not transfer between different species. They are easily killed by topical insecticides. Some of the more common insecticides used to treat pediculosis include lime-sulfur, pyrethrins and pyrethroids.

### Symptoms of Lice in Dogs

Symptoms of lice infestation in dogs can include one or more of the following:

- Itchiness Scratching, rubbing and/or biting at skin
- Restlessness Skin redness, irritation
- Dry coat Matted fur Hair loss – often around neck, ears, upper back, groin and rectum
- Anemia – more often seen with severe infestation
- Lethargy, weight loss, poor development in severely infested pups.

### Types

There are two species of lice that infest dogs:

**Trichodectes canis:** The chewing louse. These insects grip the host’s fur with their large, wide mouthparts and chew the dead skin cells of the dog host. This species is found throughout the world and can serve as a vector for the canine tapeworm.

**Linognathus setosus:** The sucking louse. These insects grip host hair with their claws and have narrow mouthparts for sucking blood through the skin. This species is found throughout the world and can be more common in long-hair breeds and colder climates.

## **Causes of Lice in Dogs**

Both types of lice can be transferred between dogs through direct contact or contact with contaminated objects. Locations where dogs are in close contact such as dog parks, boarding kennels, grooming facilities and animal shelters are all possible places pets can contract lice. Dogs that share kennels, bedding, furniture, or outdoor space with affected dogs are at increased risk for lice infestation. You may wonder, can humans get dog lice? Thankfully, the answer is no. Lice are species-specific and do not feed on animals of other species. People cannot get lice from dogs and dogs cannot get lice from people. Cats and other animals are likewise not susceptible to dog lice.

## **Diagnosis of Lice in Dogs**

A pet owner may notice itchiness, restlessness, fur loss, or other symptoms mentioned above as an initial sign of possible lice infestation. The owner or groomer may see adult lice on the skin or the eggs of lice, "nits," on the pet's fur. Adult lice can be 1-2.5mm in length and look like spots of dirt on the skin. Nits look more like white sand granules stuck along the hair shaft. Lice can be difficult to notice until a full infestation has developed. The type of infestation is diagnosed by a veterinarian by examining a sample of fur or scraping of the skin for nits and adult lice under the microscope. Chewing lice are identified by their large mouthparts used for chewing and grasping fur. Sucking lice are identified by their narrow mouthparts and slightly more developed claws. Diagnosis is based on reported clinical symptoms and visual identification of lice or nits. Most lice in an infestation will be found under clumped or matted fur or along the head, neck, shoulders, groin and tail. Lice seek out moisture and will often locate themselves near skin abrasions or the anus.

## **Treatment of Lice in Dogs**

Infestation with lice can be treated fairly easily. Once your pet has been diagnosed with pediculosis, the veterinarian will supply you with instructions for treating the infestation and preventing further infestation. It is important to remember that merely bathing your pet will not rid it of a lice infestation.

Keep the treatment products in a safe place away from children and pets and wear gloves when applying them. Although people cannot get dog lice, remove and wash your clothing immediately after treating your furry buddy. Wash all towels used in the process as soon as you complete each treatment session.

## **Recovery of Lice in Dogs**

Affected pets should be quarantined and have no contact with other dogs until the full treatment regimen is complete. To prevent reinfection, throw away or clean any place where your pet spends time. Carpets, floors, rugs, furniture and outdoor surfaces should be cleaned thoroughly. Throw away or wash all pet bedding.

Lice survive only 3-7 days off of the host, so unwashable items can be packed in sealed plastic bags for 4-6 weeks (allowing time for all eggs to hatch and die). Clean all grooming brushes, combs, crates, leashes, collars and dog apparel. Dogs severely infested with sucking lice may require supplementation with iron, vitamins and minerals to address anemia (low red blood cell levels). Most monthly flea treatments will prevent future lice infestation.

Read more at: [https://wagwalking.com/condition/lice?](https://wagwalking.com/condition/lice?utm_campaign=email&utm_content=CONDITION_GUIDE&utm_medium=lice&utm_source=wc)

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# LEPTOSPIROSIS ALERT TO ALL DOG-PARENTS IN EASTERN MELBOURNE

Dogs Victoria | News | by Sophia Yena

In the last week Ringwood Vet Hospital has had a confirmed diagnosis of *Leptospira interrogans* serovar Copenhageni in a dog living local to the Maroondah area. Although he and his family fought hard, sadly the dog was extremely unwell due to both liver and kidney failure and unable to be saved.

We do not know of other confirmed cases in Eastern Melbourne, however, it is possible that the disease is being seen but not confirmed.

**Leptospirosis can cause severe illness in people, can be lethal in dogs and cats and infect many different mammals**

Because of the severity of disease this bacteria causes, as well as its ability to spread between people and animals, all cases must be reported to the Department of Agriculture immediately.

This bacteria is more commonly seen in the humid conditions of Northern Queensland, and quite rarely seen in the southern states. However, in the past few months, there has been a spike of cases confirmed in central Sydney and now the Bayswater and Maroondah area.

A brief infographic has been created to help you reduce the risk of exposure to your beloved pet – see attached.

Our thanks to Ringwood Vet for producing this document and sharing this information.



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A&C LARGE	1115	750	380	\$198	\$80
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PET TOY BOX	550	400	300	\$90	
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3 BOWL (CAT)	570	200	230	\$70
2 BOWL (SMALL)	440	220	150	\$65
3 BOWL (SMALL - MEO)	685	251	170	\$80
2 BOWL (MEDIUM)	540	270	250	\$75
2 BOWL (LARGE)	570	290	300	\$86
SINGLE BOWL (SMALL)	321	221	150	\$38
SINGLE (MEDIUM)	255	255	250	\$40
SINGLE (LARGE)	290	290	300	\$52

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## COMMON CHRISTMAS FOODS THAT ARE DANGEROUS TO PETS

'Tis the season to be jolly! With the festive season upon us, it's time to untangle the Christmas lights, get together with family, and eat an embarrassing amount of delicious food. However, while you're clinking your champers and popping the Christmas crackers, it's important to be aware which delicious festive foods pose a danger to our furry friends.

### **Human food is for humans**

Mmm, Christmas food... Roast turkey, king prawns, ham off the bone, fruit cake, pavlova - is there anything more comforting? While you prepare your tastebuds for a comfort-food-extravaganza, it's important to remember that human food should only be eaten by humans. Some popular festive foods that should be kept well out of reach of your furry friend include:

### **Ham and fatty offcuts**

It may seem strange that dogs (who many believe to be carnivores) can have a bad reaction to eating meat, but the culprit here is an overdose of fat, which can cause pancreatitis. Pancreatitis is actually one of the most common illnesses that vet clinics are inundated with at Christmas time. Why does this happen? Leftover ham, sausages, or the fatty offcuts from a Christmas turkey contain a lot more fat than your dog's body is used to ingesting in one go. In an effort to digest all this fat, the pancreas can quickly go into overdrive and become painful, inflamed, and swollen in a condition called pancreatitis. Pancreatitis can cause vomiting, nausea, dehydration, and worsening illness. It can even leave your dog with a lifelong sensitivity to fat, and you will be left having to feed them a special therapeutic diet for the rest of their life. Best to resist the urge to 'treat' your dog and save the meat for your own leftover lunch on Boxing Day!

### **Macadamia nuts**

Whether they're part of a fruit cake, within a delicious slab of boutique chocolate, or just as a tasty treat on their own, macadamia nuts are highly poisonous to dogs. While the exact cause of the toxicosis is unknown, signs of macadamia nut poisoning include an inability to walk or stand, wobbly gait, tremors, hyperthermia, and vomiting. If encased in their shell, they can also pose a risk as a gastrointestinal foreign body. Yikes! Be sure to keep these crunchy morsels out of reach!

## **Grapes, sultanas and raisins**

Often found on Christmas day within a fruit cake, fruit platter, or as part of a spiced meat sauce, grapes and their dehydrated versions can actually cause kidney failure in cats and dogs. The exact mechanism of this is unknown, so it is impossible to calculate a universal toxic dose. Best to keep them out of reach!

## **Alcohol**

Just like small children, cats and dogs are much more sensitive to alcohol than adult humans and can become poisoned very quickly. Alcohol is absorbed rapidly by the canine and feline body, and symptoms may include ataxia (walking wobbly), vomiting, decreased body temperature, loss of consciousness, or difficulty breathing.

## **Onions and Garlic**

If you'll be roasting some onion or garlic along with your Christmas turkey, best to also keep these away from your pets as they contain a toxin which can cause damage to your dog's red blood cells. If enough red blood cells are destroyed, your dog could become anaemic, lethargic and weak.

## **Lilies**

While they're not a food, we thought we'd include Lilies in our list, as many people give and receive flowers around the holidays. Lily flower petals, pollen and leaves are extremely toxic to cats. The toxin found in Lily plants causes kidney failure. If possible, do not keep lilies in your house if you have a cat - it's just not worth the risk!

## **Chocolate**

Most pet owners these days are fairly clued in to the dangers of chocolate in pets. Chocolate contains theobromine and caffeine, which are both toxic to cats and dogs as they can't metabolise these compounds as well as humans can. Dark chocolate poses a higher risk than milk chocolate. Signs of chocolate toxicity may include vomiting, diarrhoea, seizures, tremors, and coma. The risk of chocolate toxicity directly depends on your pet's weight, how much they ate, and how dark it was.

## **Treat to keep them occupied**

Occupier treats are the perfect option for keeping your dog out of the way on Christmas day (and particularly during Christmas lunch!). Keeping your pet away from the table is perhaps the safest option if you don't trust members of your family not to sneak them some food under the table. ('But he looked like he was hungry! I didn't know that he would start vomiting! It was only a handful of ham fat and half a slice of chocolate cake!').

<https://www.petcircle.com.au/discover/christmas-food-toxic-to-pets>



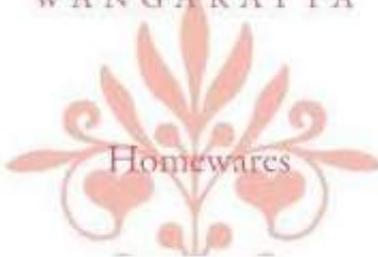
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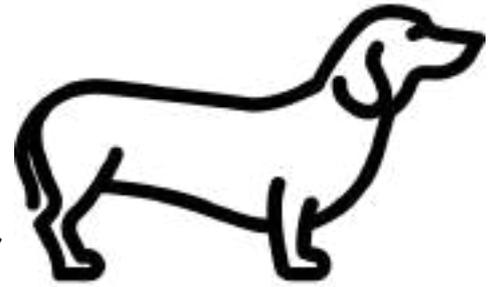


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## FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

*Did you hear? Our club newsletter is now coming out monthly!*

*Our February edition will be released in mid November and we would love submissions of photos, competition results, stories and articles to share.*

*Please email all details to [wangarattadogclub@bigpond.com](mailto:wangarattadogclub@bigpond.com) with the subject as "Newsletter Item" or send them via Facebook messenger on our Kennel Club page.*

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