



Summer Newsletter

In this issue

Special quiz edition with pages of fun and information for you and your family



Fulham Gardens Vet Surgery
(08) 8355 5475

Unley Vet Surgery
(08) 8272 3400

Black Forest Vet Surgery
(08) 8351 6066

Merry Christmas and welcome to the Christmas quiz newsletter.

This year we have created a Christmas quiz edition newsletter for you and your family. Hopefully it is informative as well as fun. Here are a few quiz questions to get you started (answers on page 4)

- 1 Is a rabbit a rodent?
- 2 Is paracetamol dangerous for cats?
- 3 How many Reindeer pull Santa's sleigh?
- 4 What is the only flying mammal?
- 5 What do we call a group of owls?
- 6 Can dogs survive on a vegetarian diet?
- 7 Can cats vomit?
- 8 Can Rabbits vomit?
- 9 What do you call an animal that is most active at dawn and dusk, such as the Kangaroo?

Match the Animals Description to its photo!



Echidna

Echidnas are unusual in being an egg laying mammal, and having a much lower body temperature than other mammals.

Praying Mantis

The Praying Mantis, or Mantid, is so weird that ancient Greeks believed it had supernatural powers, naming it "Mantis" which means "prophet" or "seer." The carnivorous insect preys exclusively on living insects, seizing its prey with its spined front legs in a vise-like grip.

Quokka

The Quokka, was described by early Dutch explorer, Willem de Vlamingh, 'as a kind of rat as big as a common cat'. His first sighting of the Quokka was on an island off the mouth of the Swan River. He named the island Rottenest ('rat nest') in honour of this sighting. Quokkas are a small wallaby with the ability to climb trees and are found on the Mainland around South West WA as well as on Rottenest island.

Lung Fish

Lung fish are a strange animal that can breath in water (via gills) and on land via lungs. They first appeared about 400 million years ago. One species is found in the marshes of Queensland.

Although lung fish are an evolutionary dead end, they demonstrate how animals made the transition from an aquatic to terrestrial (land based) life style.

Euroasian Wolf

The Euroasian wolf is generally accepted as the ancestor of the domestic dog. Clearly domestic dogs, which are genetically different to their ancestors have been identified from about 15,000 years ago.

However close associations between dogs and human habitations have been dated from 150 to 500 thousand years ago!

Dalmatian

Dalmatians, originally bred as a carriage dog (to walk underneath a carriage, for effect), are unique in the dog world.

All other dogs excrete uric acid in their urine, which is very soluble. Dalmatians, like people excrete urate which is much less soluble, and can easily form crystals. This means dalmatians, like people get gout, or urate crystals forming in joints.

Capybara

The Capybara is the worlds largest Rodent.

Rodents are characterized by having constantly growing upper and lower incisors (front teeth).

One of the smallest rodents is Delanys swamp mouse weighing 5-7g. In comparison the Capybara of Central and South America weighs up to 66kg.

Answers on page 4

Hint. Some animals don't have a picture!

Naked Mole Rat

The Naked Mole Rat is neither a mole nor a rat. These pinkish, bald rodents spend their entire lives in virtual darkness, finding their way through an underground network of burrows. Within their dark universe, they've evolved a rigid society that has more in common with ants or bees than with a typical mammalian social circle. At the top is a long, strong queen. As long as she lives, she and a few chosen mates are the only ones that breed. The queen keeps the rest from mating by sheer intimidation.

Dik Dik

The Dik Dik is the smallest antelope, and inhabits Eastern Africa. Weighing only 1-2kg, it is also the smallest ruminant.

Ruminants are animals that have a large extension of their oesophagus (throat) to ferment food and make it more digestible. Other ruminants include cows, sheep, camels, and giraffe's.

Scottish Wild Cat

The Scottish Wild Cat is a rare and endangered species, that inhabits the Highlands of Scotland.

It is an indigenous species pre-dating human habitation.

The cats look somewhat like a large pet cat, but are said to be impossible to domesticate.



Which of the following are real diseases?

- 1 Rocky Mountain Spotted fever
- 2 Duck Bill Paralysis
- 3 Beaver Fever
- 4 Rift Valley Fever
- 5 Kabuki Syndrome
- 6 Bunny Night Madness
- 7 Chuggers Disease
- 8 Blastomycosis
- 9 Chiggers
- 10 Polio Cross
- 11 Osteochondritis dissecans
- 12 Tetralogy of Felot
- 13 Legg-Cow-Sydney Syndrome
- 14 Sick Pig Syndrome
- 15 Myxomatosis
- 16 Diamond Pig Disease
- 17 Legg-Calvé-Perthes Syndrome
- 18 Von Willebrands Disease
- 19 Spotted Dick
- 20 Emerald Lamb Disease
- 21 Sick Sinus Syndrome
- 22 Toxoplasma Gondii
- 23 Dali Lhama Disease
- 24 Pasteurellosis
- 25 Feline Odontoclastic Resorbive Lesion
- 26 Captain trips
- 27 Spattergroitt
- 28 Masticatory Muscle Myositis

Answers to quiz page 1

- 1 No its a lagamorph.
- 2 Yes very small amounts will kill a cat.
- 3 Nine.
- 4 Bat.
- 5 A Parliament.
- 6 Yes, but not easily.
- 7 No. Cats are an obligate carnivore.
- 8 No.
- 9 Crepuscular.

Answers to quiz page 3 and 4.

- 1 Euroasian Wolf
- 2 Dik Dik
- 3 Capybara
- 4 Lung Fish
- 5 Dalmatian
- 6 Quokka
- 7 Scottish Wild Cat

1,2,4,5,8,9,11,12,15,16,17,18,21,22,24,25, & 28 are all real disease. Legg-Calvé-Perthes syndrome is now generally known as Avascular necrosis of the femoral head.