

Spring 2020

## WELCOME HOLLY

Coral Coast Veterinary Services would like to introduce you to our newest team member, Holly Christoph.

Holly has just recently moved back to Innisfail from Emerald and has commenced as a Vet Nurse and is looking forward to meeting all of our furry friends as they come in for their routine appointments.



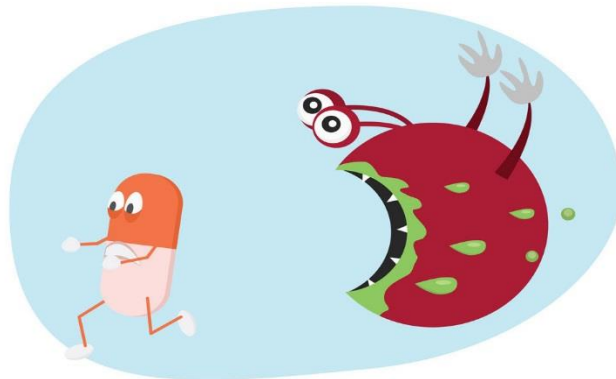
## ANTIBIOTICS : THE DO'S & DON'TS

We have all sat in the Doctors surgery and been told to ensure we complete the full course of antibiotics. This is enforced by Doctors because generally, as soon as we feel better, the antibiotics are forgotten or put aside and pulled out the next time we feel unwell, much to the horror of a health professional.

Things are similar in the pet world. If your pet is prescribed antibiotics, you must always use them as directed by your Veterinarian and finish the course, even if you think your pet is 'better.' Stopping too early can lead to the development of resistant bacteria and in some cases a revisit may be necessary to check your pet and extend the course of antibiotics if necessary.

Never start any 'left over' antibiotics as you may be overdosing or under dosing your pet or treating the wrong bacteria. This can unintentionally cause bigger issues in the long term.

We feel by providing information to our clients, we can do our bit to reduce the threat of antibiotic resistance.



## Is your cat hiding something from you?

Up to 1 in 3 cats may develop chronic kidney disease.

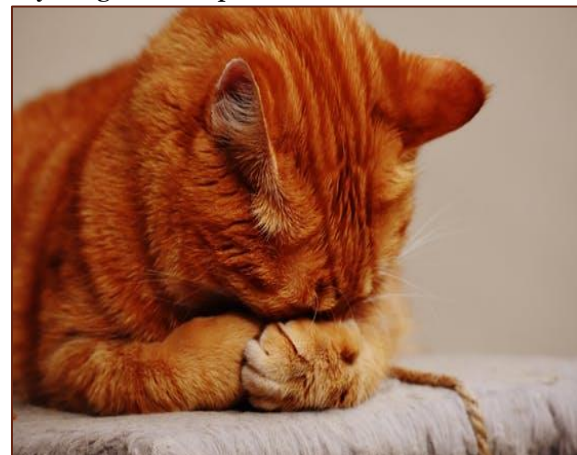
Chronic kidney disease is a condition that progresses gradually and most often cat owners are unaware of the early signs. Cats hide illness very well, so it's

important for owners to be aware of the signs of chronic kidney disease, as early diagnosis helps ensure that the best treatment outcomes are achieved.

### Signs of chronic kidney disease can include:

- Drinking and urinating more than usual
- Weight Loss
- Loss of appetite
- Dehydration
- Bad breath
- Lack of grooming
- Dull, matted coat

If you see any of the above signs, it's important to see your vet.



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*“Have we seen your Senior pet lately?”*

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## PRODUCT REVIEW – YOUTHFUL VITALITY

Hill's Science Diet's Youthful Vitality has been scientifically developed to work with your 7+ aged dog's biology. This breakthrough and proprietary recipe with eggs, fatty acids and antioxidants, including vitamins C + E, helps to protect cells against the effects of aging. Formulated with ingredients that help support:

- Brain Function
- Energy and Vitality
- Healthy Immune System
- Healthy Digestive System
- Luxurious Coat

To ensure our aging pet's transition into their senior years with a bounce in their step, we recommend visiting your Vet for an annual health check to assist in identifying problems early.

This also provides the opportunity to discuss with your Vet any dietary changes or requirements needed to assist in caring for a healthy senior.



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## **WELCOME TO THE WORLD CLANCY**

As many of you are aware, Claudia Copley has been on maternity leave since Easter.

Congratulations to Claudia and Malcolm on the safe arrival of young Clancy!