



Veterinary Surgeons' Board



FROM THE REGISTRAR

The Board office has received a number of queries regarding when renewal notices for veterinary surgeons and veterinary nurses will be sent out.

The renewal notices will be sent out later than usual, most likely around the end of October to early November, as the Board is in the process of upgrading to a new online system.

Until then, please take this as a reminder that all renewal payments must be made by 31 December 2019 if you wish to continue to practise as a veterinary surgeon or veterinary nurse in 2020.

I have changed my profile picture for this newsletter to include my latest additions who are helping to fill the gap left by the recent demise of my 19 year old black cat.

As always, feedback, suggestions and comments on the newsletter are very welcome.

Dr Sue Godkin
Registrar



UNIQUE EMAIL ADDRESSES ARE NOW REQUIRED FOR ALL VETERINARY SURGEONS AND VETERINARY NURSES

Unique email addresses are now required for all veterinary surgeons and veterinary nurses

The Board is currently updating its website and online registration and approval renewal payment system. We expect this to result in a fresh new look for the website but also one that is much more user friendly.

One of the changes is that everyone will need to register their own unique email address for logging into their account. In preparation for this please email or phone the Board with your unique email address if you have been sharing one with another veterinary surgeon or veterinary nurse (eg work email address).

Note: as the transfer to the new website is in progress, the facility for changing your contact details on the Board website has been disabled.

NEW VETERINARY SPECIALIST REGISTRATIONS

Congratulations to the following veterinary surgeons who have been granted specialist registration in Western Australia:

Dr Timothy Foo - Veterinary Radiology

Dr Bryden Stanley – Small Animal Surgery

Dr David Byrne – Equine Medicine

Dr Susannah Lillis – Veterinary Radiology



NEW VETERINARY RESOURCE: EMERGENCY ANIMAL DISEASES - A FIELD GUIDE FOR AUSTRALIAN VETERINARIANS

This guide is available on the [Outbreak](#) website. The guide helps vets to identify important emergency animal diseases when confronted with disease situations in the field; includes appropriate differential diagnoses; and necessary actions to take if presented with signs of an unusual disease.

Vets are on the front line for exotic animal diseases and this resource strengthens their toolkit for early identification and reporting – critical to minimise the harm these diseases can pose.

The field guide was jointly developed by the Department of Agriculture and Australia's Animal Health Laboratory; funded by the Australian Government's Agricultural Competitiveness White Paper, the government's plan for stronger farmers and a stronger economy.

AUSTRALIAN PESTICIDES AND VETERINARY MEDICINES AUTHORITY WEBPAGE FOR VETERINARIANS

A webpage specifically for [veterinary surgeons](#) is available on the APVMA website

In particular there are a number of useful fact sheets on the website for veterinary surgeons to give to clients. For example, a fact sheet for clients wanting to purchase veterinary products online is available outlining the laws that govern the supply of these products.

Information about the current scheduling of veterinary medicines can be found at the APVMA [pubCRIS](#) database.

DID YOU KNOW?

- A veterinary surgeon is not permitted to fill out a prescription written out by another veterinary surgeon as this breaches the *Medicines and Poisons Act 2014*. Only a registered pharmacist may fill out a prescription on behalf of a veterinary surgeon.
- Veterinary surgeons are not permitted to specify repeats of schedule 8 drugs when writing out a prescription. Repeats of schedule 4 drugs are permitted.
- Veterinary surgeons prescribing for their own animals are required to generate a clinical record for each animal's treatment.

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