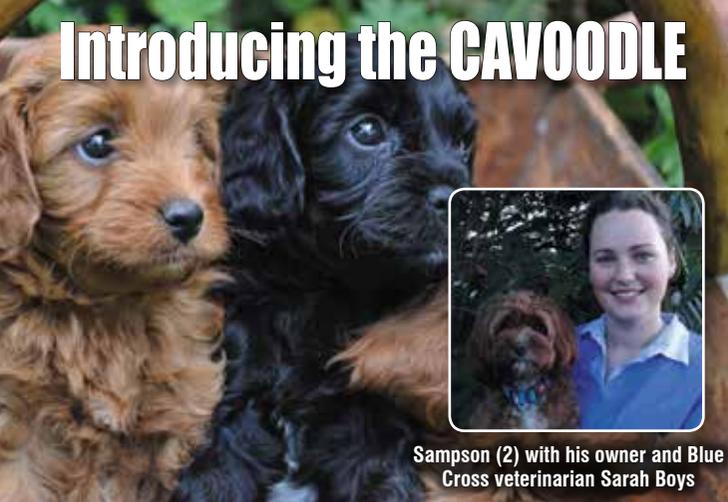


Introducing the CAVOODLE



Sampson (2) with his owner and Blue Cross veterinarian Sarah Boys

The Cavoodle is a mix between a Cavalier King Charles Spaniel and (mostly) the miniature sized Poodle. They are gentle, sweet and friendly companions. They are relaxed yet social so you can take them with you anywhere and they are happy. This dog is suited for just about anyone and will do well with either a single person or a family and are excellent with children.

Sampson eats Pro Plan Adult Small Breed. As he only eats a small amount daily it needs to be packed with all the nutrients his body needs.

CAVOODLE - The Stats

Life Span: 12-16 years
Colour: Black, Gold, White, Chestnut and White or Tri-colour (black, white, tan)
Size: Small - under 9kg
Training: Easily trained
Coat: Medium to Long hair,

regular grooming required. Soft, wavy or curly. Hypoallergenic
Exercise: Short daily walk or play session - not highly energetic
Diet: Premium Small Breed Diet

Did you know?

- Also known as a Cavapoo or Cavadoodle
- Cavoodles are preferred by people with allergies as their fur is more hypoallergenic than most dogs
- Crossbreeding bypasses the health issues of their purebred parents
- With long, floppy ears and round teddy bear faces they look like puppies no matter how old they get

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Cotton's Corner

Brrr we are starting to get some cold mornings out there!!! Fortunately for me, my people here at my Blue Cross Veterinary Centre have a great winter range of snuggly beds for me to dive into. I think of it as taking them for a "test run" for you!

The cold weather does not seem to be slowing down these fleas yet though, I have a lot of friends coming in to see my vets that are itching and scratching, I hear they are taking the fleas inside and they are biting their humans too...especially the little people - they really seem to like them! I am lucky here, one of my nurses gives me a Broadline spot-on flea and worm treatment so I never have to worry about those pesky parasites and my humans are protected too!!Cotton



Benefits of Spaying/ Neutering Your Pets

Benefits of spaying (females)

- no unwanted pregnancies
 - potential costs and trauma of C-sections
 - cost of kitten and puppy food
 - finding homes - not always as easy as it seems!
- no more messy on heat seasons
 - don't have to lock them up
 - don't have males harassing them
 - reduced chance of mammary gland and ovarian/uterine cancer development in the future when spayed early



Benefits of neutering (males)

- reduced aggression
- reduced unwanted sexual behaviours - humping/mounting etc
- no unwanted pregnancies- in your own bitches or other peoples (next door etc!!)
- no testicular tumors
- reduces likelihood of some prostatic problems from occurring



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Interesting Cases



Bob's tetanus



Bob is a hard working heading collie who had stiff limb movement. When he was bought in to the Veterinary Centre his ears were erect, his tail elevated and his facial muscles were pulled back as if he was grinning. Our vets

immediately diagnosed him with tetanus. Tetanus is a potentially fatal disease that causes muscles to contract - dogs rapidly become stiffer and are unable to walk or swallow. Fortunately, as his symptoms were noticed early Bob has now made a complete recovery and is back at work. He spent



10 days in hospital on IV fluids, antibiotics and anti-toxin therapy and supportive care. Contamination of wounds is the most common way that dogs can get tetanus and although rare, the Veterinary Centre has now treated three cases in the last 6 months. Thoroughly cleaning wounds (particularly



in feet and toes) and early recognition of tetanus is extremely important to ensure that dogs receive treatment in time.



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