



**updates from  
the field**

## CVH goes live!

We're excited to launch our first ever Crookwell Veterinary Hospital website. Please visit us at [www.crookwellvet.com.au](http://www.crookwellvet.com.au). We'd love your feedback and suggestions.

We'd also like to thank the generous clients who gave us permission to feature their pets and families online. That's made our website personal and local, just how we want it to be.

### Make May Microchip Month

**Crookwell Veterinary Hospital is offering a FREE collar to all pets and working dogs microchipped during the month of May.**

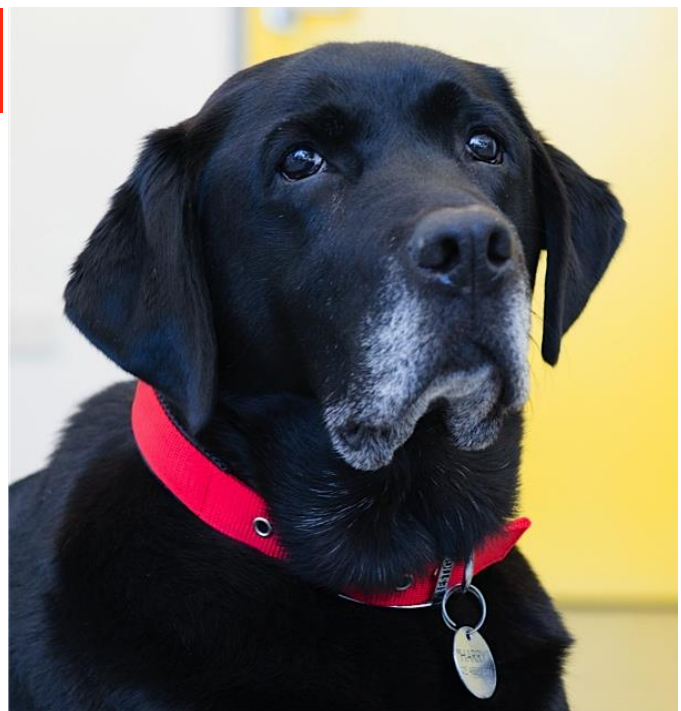
Microchipping is the best way to safeguard your pet or working dog against loss or theft. Your pet's unique microchip number is a permanent identification that lasts for life. It is the only legal ID should your pet or working dog be lost or stolen.

#### Working dogs

While microchipping of working dogs on farms is not required by law, we strongly recommend farmers ensure their working dogs are identified through microchipping (ALL dogs living within town limits must be microchipped). Working dogs are one of a producer's most valuable assets and at CVH, we are frequently presented with a working dog found wandering and lost. Most don't have ID on their collars, and very few have microchips, making the task of finding an owner difficult. Please consider making microchipping a routine protection for your working dogs.

Microchips are tiny (like a rice grain) and implanted through a needle, as an injection, under the skin between the shoulder blades. Although the pain is minimal, our vets always use local anaesthetic to reduce any pain felt during the procedure.

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### Put your pet on our photo gallery

**Our Patients** has been created to feature photos of our patients (dogs and cats, large animals, birds, all are welcome). We'd love you, our clients, to send in a good quality image of your pet (or any other animal). Just email the photo to us at [info@crookwellvet.com.au](mailto:info@crookwellvet.com.au).

Make sure the image is as high a resolution as possible. We'll let you know when it's on the site.

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## THANKS FOR YOUR HELP

Our warm appreciation goes to the many clients who completed our recent survey.

**We're delighted to congratulate Mrs Lola Keary, winner of the \$50 survey voucher draw!**

The survey will help us communicate more effectively with our valued clients. If you haven't completed the survey, we'd love you to drop it in to CVH or send via fax, email or post - see our contact details below.

## Microchipping continued

### Microchip information

CVH registers your pet's microchip details with the NSW Companion Animal Register (a NSW Government database) – visit the **NSW Division of Local Government** website for more information. You, the owner, are then responsible for notifying the local council of changes to your microchipped pets or working dogs.

### NSW local council microchip laws

1. All dogs (working dogs on farms are exempt)
2. All cats owned after 1 July 1999
3. All cats and dogs being purchased or rehomed
4. All new puppies and kittens must be microchipped by 3 months of age and puppies registered with the local council by 6 months.

### Registration of dogs and cats in NSW

1. Cats and dogs must be microchipped by 12 weeks of age or before being sold or given away.
2. You must then lifetime-register your cat or dog with your local council before it is six months old.

This means you can desex your pet before registration, and pay the lower lifetime registration fee. Entire animals cost \$150 to register, and desexed animals \$40. The cost for eligible pensioners is \$15.

## Contact us

Opening hours 8.30am – 5.30pm Monday to Friday | 9am – 12pm Saturday

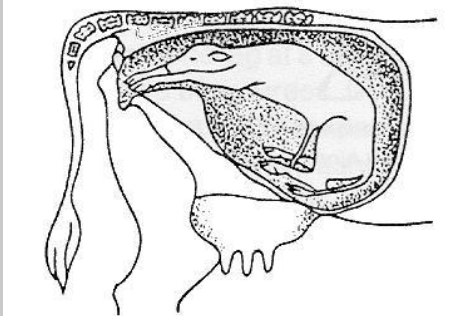
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## CALVINGS

Managing dystocias, or difficult births, is a daily occurrence in calving season for CVH vets and it's worth thinking about strategies to minimise the loss of mother, calf or both. Early detection and intervention (if required) can help deliver a live cow and live calf.



**Normal presentation with nose and front legs forward. A calf in any other position almost always needs assistance.**

If in doubt, please always ring sooner rather than later. Minimise your efforts at calving the cow or heifer if the presentation of the calf is not normal. These golden rules may help you make a decision about seeking veterinary advice and/or assistance:

- A cow that is more than an hour into labour will most likely require assistance.
- A heifer that is more than 2 hours into labour will most likely require assistance.
- Pay attention to your herd's body weight. Pregnant cows and heifers need enough nutrition for themselves and their growing foetus, but overweight, unfit cows and heifers often have more trouble calving.
- A normal presentation for calving is front feet and nose coming first – any variation on that is abnormal and should be examined.
- Signs of straining without any presentation almost always indicates a problem. This could be, for example, a breech presentation where only the tail is presented, or an over-sized calf sitting back within the pelvis.

Crookwell Veterinary Hospital has excellent bovine loading and crush facilities on site. If your calving cow can be transported, it's cost effective for you if we can treat the cow or heifer at our hospital.