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CVH CHANGES HANDS



Jayden Scobell Veterinary Nurse

Our new vet nurse Jayden moved to Crookwell from hometown Mudgee, bringing a love of animals and a particular affinity for birds and wildlife. That, plus a Certificate 2 in Animal Studies, Certificate 4 in Veterinary Nursing and experience in a Mudgee veterinary practice, has given Jayden excellent, valuable skills. And is he *serious* about his birds! Jayden has successfully shown chickens and ducks in agricultural shows and breeds Conures and Indian Ringnecks. His family also includes two dogs Sghettie and Layla, and his cats, Tinks and Tyrion.

Crookwell Veterinary Hospital has proudly delivered veterinary services around the clock to the local community for more than 35 years. After so many years at the helm, Rob and Jennie Churchill have made the difficult but exciting decision to hand over the reigns and from 1 July 2017, their associate veterinarians Dr Jayde Costello and Dr Will Lucas will become the new owners of CVH.

As Rob says, 'This is really something to celebrate as very few country vet practices have two highly capable and enthusiastic veterinarians keen to take on a 24/7 business. And Jayde and Will, with their partners and families, are already firmly established within the community. That gives us great confidence as we leave a business that has been our life for so many years.'



Drs Will Lucas and Jayde Costello.

Both Jennie and Rob are enormously grateful to the many clients who have supported Crookwell Veterinary Hospital over such a long period, and with whom they have had the pleasure of developing special working relationships and friendship. They extend their sincerest thanks, recognising that without such loyalty and support, businesses can't survive and thrive.

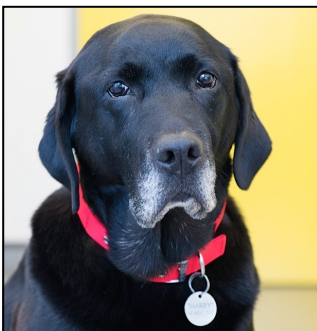
They also wish to assure their clients that Crookwell Veterinary Hospital will continue to deliver services 24/7. Alongside Jayde and Will, CVH's Practice Manager of 35 years, Karen Reeves, will remain with the business, as will CVH nursing and administrative staff. Rob will continue on in the practice for a handover period.

Jennie says they have the most fantastic team at CVH. 'All our staff, regardless of their roles, are unbelievably dedicated, hard working and supportive of each other. They genuinely care about our clients and their animals, and are prepared to put in the hours to show their commitment. That won't change.'

Jayde and Will love their profession and love living in Crookwell. They're excited about this next challenge in their veterinary careers and look forward to servicing Crookwell Veterinary Hospital clients and their pets and livestock into the future.

Don't forget July is still GERIATRIC MONTH!

All pets 7 years and older receive a free consultation and health check, half price geriatric blood screen, and you'll go into the draw to win \$100 worth of veterinary services. Ring for an appointment on 4832 1977.

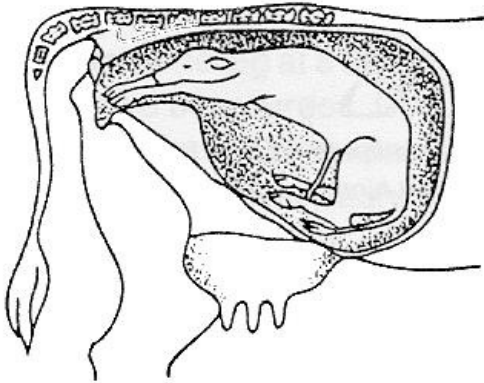


Harry (April 2004 - May 2017)

Many clients knew Harry, the much-loved canine face of CVH for 13 years and a cherished member of Jennie and Rob's family. To honour his life and the role he played in our lives, we've created a gallery on our website for his many fans: visit the News and Community page at www.crookwellvet.com.au. Harry was the most loyal companion and his gentle nature made him the perfect vet hospital dog. We miss him.

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Successful calvings



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

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.

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.

Spontaneous vaginal rupture in ewes

Spontaneous vaginal rupture is one of the more uncommon conditions affecting sheep, but in the current season, CVH vets are seeing (and hearing of) multiple cases across a number of sheep properties around the Crookwell district.

Spontaneous vaginal rupture occurs in heavily pregnant, usually multiparous (bearing twins or triplets) and overweight ewes in the last few weeks before lambing. The ewes are normally mature, averaging 3 to 6 years of age.

The process is dramatic and rapidly fatal. The ewe's vagina suddenly tears, usually on the dorsal (top) part of the vagina, immediately providing a hole through which the intestines can escape. Severe bleeding accompanies the rupture with the ewe dying quickly, the prolapsed intestines visible.

Some case studies document losses over 20% in individual flocks although the incidence is normally much lower. In one mob of very fat ewes in the Orange district seventy of the 320 ewes in the mob were recorded dying from spontaneous vaginal rupture.

Despite conjecture about a specific cause, the precise mechanism leading to the rupture is not known. There is no treatment – frequently the ewes are found dead – and immediate euthanasia for welfare reasons is strongly recommended.

Need help with biosecurity planning?

CVH vets are well aware of the major impact the new federal government **Johnes Beef Assurance Score (JBAS)** and **Livestock Producers Assurance (LPA) Scheme Biosecurity Plan** will have on busy producers.

Please don't hesitate to call us – we're here to help and we're already providing assistance and advice to producers about the new requirements.

Desexing - 10% discount all July!

As well as our current Geriatric Month promotion for senior pets, we have joined the National Desexing Scheme initiative. This means, for the month of July, CVH is offering a 10% discount on ALL desexing surgery.

Ring us on 4832 1977 to book in your pet and don't forget – puppies and kittens are eligible for desexing FROM 8 WEEKS OF AGE.

Contact us

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