

The Deniliquin Veterinary Clinic



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Creative Catchment Kids

Creative Catchment Kids is an initiative of the Murray Darling Association and Wirraminna Environmental Education Centre. It aims to improve engagement between the Local Land Services and school students by providing opportunities for positive and authentic ventures that encourage students to develop creative solutions to agriculture and natural resource management issues.

Wirraminna Environmental Education Centre

The Wirraminna Environmental Education Centre is located in Burrumbuttock, north of Albury in southern NSW. Since 1995, the centre, which is adjacent to Burrumbuttock Public School, has provided opportunities for discovery and learning about the natural environment, the ecology of the local woodlands and the beauty of native plants. www.wirraminna.org

Murray Darling Association

The Murray Darling Association has membership of over 100 Local Government councils in the Murray-Darling Basin, as well as community groups, businesses and individuals with an interest in ensuring that the Basin continues as a valuable asset for all Australians. Since 1950, the Association has initiated various school and community education programs on managing the Basin's land and water resources. www.mda.asn.au



Enviro-Stories is an innovative literacy education program that inspires learning about natural resource and catchment management issues. Developed by PeeKdesigns, this program provides students with an opportunity to publish their own stories that have been written for other kids to support learning about their local area. www.envirostories.com.au

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Local Land Heroes

In 2014, students involved in the **Creative Catchment Kids** program researched and wrote stories about 'Local Land Heroes' - people, businesses or industries who contribute to productive agriculture and healthy environments along the Murray and Murrumbidgee rivers. The program was generously funded by Murray Local Land Services and Riverina Local Land Services.

Local Land Heroes acknowledges the United Nations 2014 International Year of Family Farming.
www.fao.org/family-farming-2014/en/



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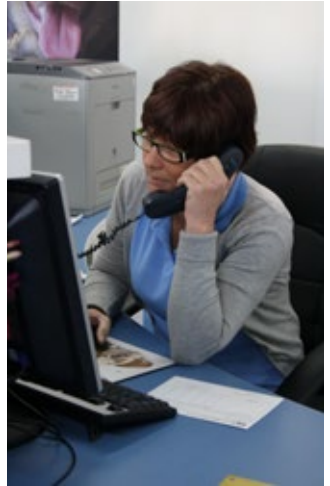
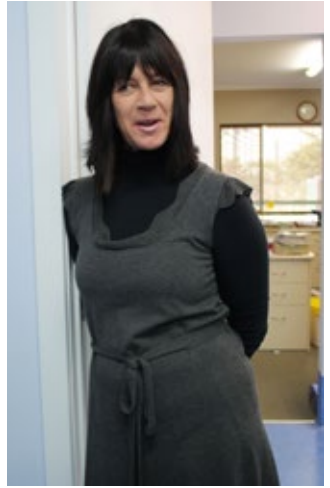
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About the Vet Clinic

The Deniliquin Veterinarian Clinic is one like no other. They care for animals 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. They have a large supply of medicine and they work very hard to look after the animals. The most common animals that they take care of are dogs, cats, horses, cattle and sheep.





Working at the vets

All up eleven people work at the vet clinic - five veterinarians, one receptionist, three nurses, one school based vet nurse trainee and one account manager.



Consultation Rooms

They take pets and owners into the consultation rooms to examine the animal. Vets perform minor examinations in these rooms. Pets can be checked for fleas, dental problems, fractures and infections. This is where the owners and vets can discuss problems.



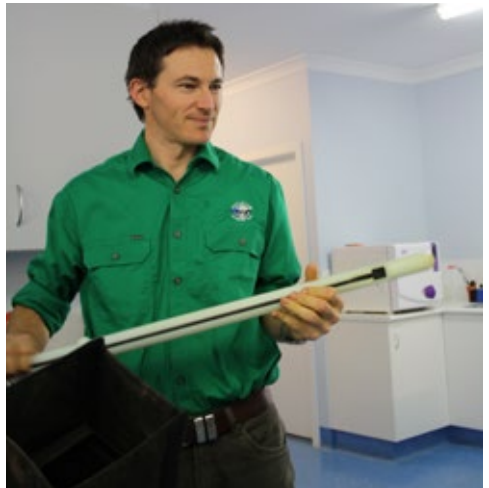
The Pharmacy

The pharmacy is the place where the vets get all the medication to give to the sick animals. In the pharmacy there are many different forms of medication for lots of conditions.



Machines at the Vets

At the vets there are many machines, including oxygen machines, drip pumps, machines to separate plasma from red blood cells, x-ray machines, ultrasounds and many more.



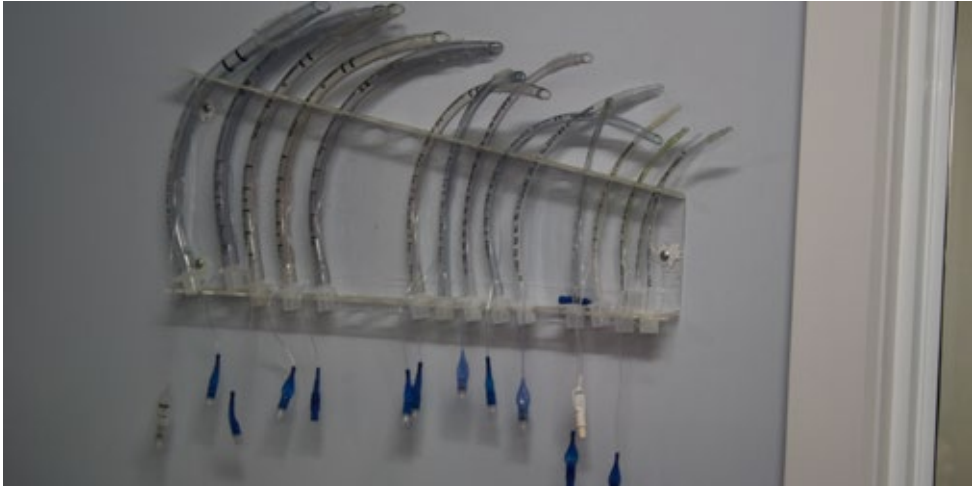
The Kennels

In the clinic, the vets and nurses keep small to medium animals in kennels. The animals are kept in cages so they don't hurt themselves. There are kennels inside and outside the clinic. The vets travel to farms to check and treat large animals, such as horses, cattle and alpacas.



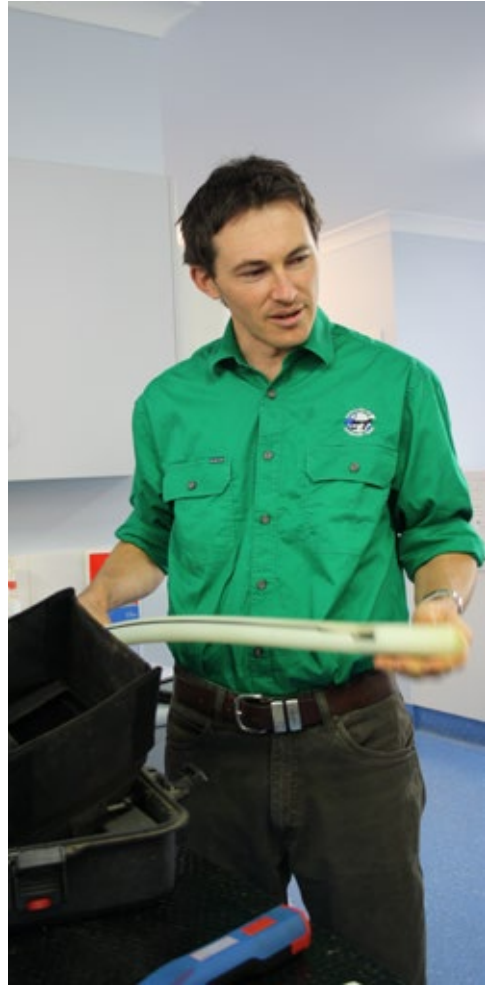
Keeping animals healthy

At the vet clinic, they give many animals worm tablets to keep them healthy. The vets and nurses get a tablet and put it at the back of their throat. They give the animal a rub on their neck to make the tablet go down. Then they give them a treat.



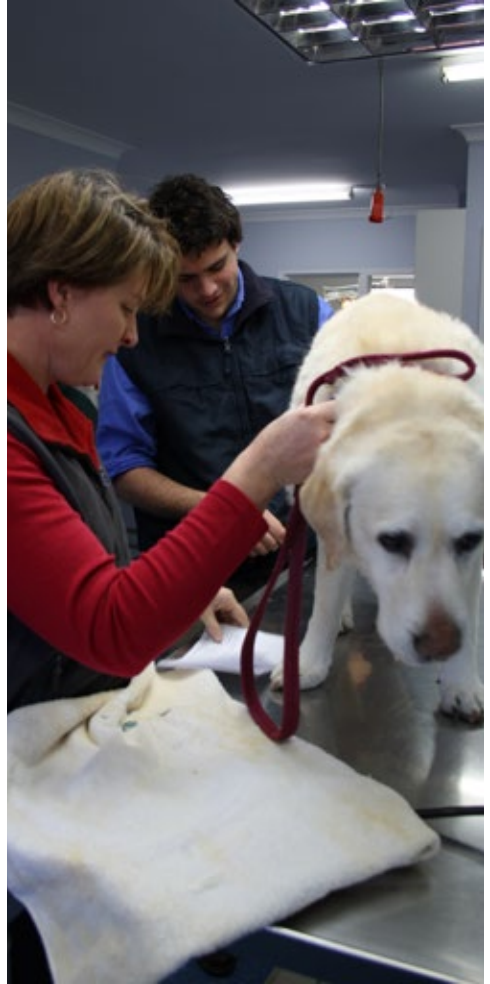
The surgery

The surgery is where the vets do operations on animals. Operations can last for many hours or as little as a few minutes. Some operations include teeth removal and retrieving items that have been swallowed, resulting in stitches.



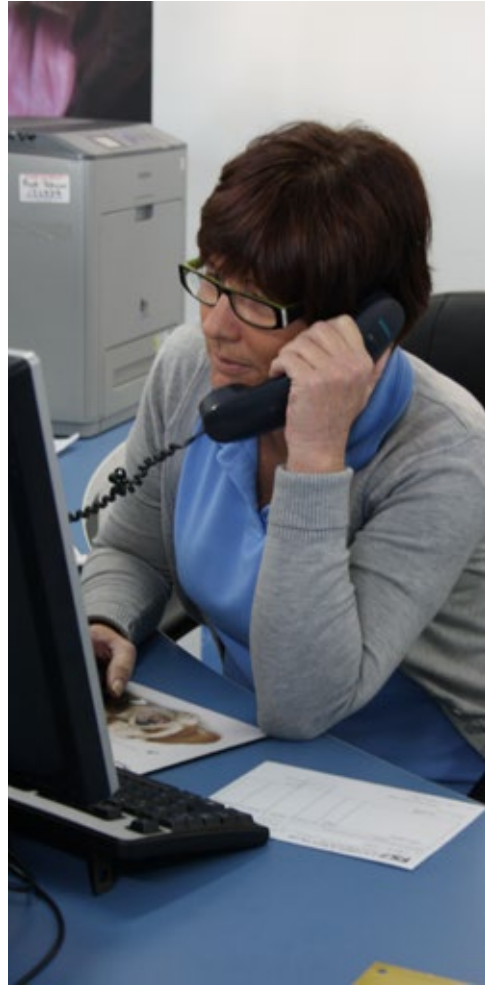
Farm visits

Often the vets travel to farms to help local people with their animals. They check to see if cows are going to have calves, they help with births and give check-ups to larger animals that can't fit into the clinic.



Animals that visit the vet clinic

Apart from cats and dogs, there are many strange animals that have visited the clinic. The vets and vet nurses have treated snakes, pigs, crocodiles, rabbits, guinea pigs, birds, mice and many more.



The serious side

Even though the vets have a very interesting job, there is also a serious side. They keep the clinic going with lots of paperwork and record keeping. The office has many computers and records that date back many years.

Thank you Deniliquin Vet Clinic for letting us have a tour and allowing us to write a book about you all. The people working there are great people for giving up their own time to help animals in need and helping us learn more about the services you provide to the community.



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