



## WINTER EVENINGS... WATCH FOR WILDLIFE

These are the eyes of a baby possum brought to the Barracks Vet after its mother was run over. So watch out for animals as you drive home on these dark nights!

### Sydney Wildlife •



This year The Barracks Vet and **Dogcember** will be supporting Sydney Wildlife. These dedicated people volunteer their skills and time to protect the animals we Australians are so proud of. You can phone them 24 hours a day on 9413 4300 before you move any wildlife. They gratefully accept donations from cash and hutches to old towels (in any condition!) If you are interested in their training course, go to [www.sydneywildlife.org.au](http://www.sydneywildlife.org.au) and click on "become a carer". They need people to make possum boxes and knit or sew too! A great school or holiday project, and a nice way to pass a cosy evening?

### Cold weather = sore joints •

Many of you have taken up our suggestion to give your pets a four week course of cartrophen injections to relieve the stiffness of arthritis. The injections support cartilage and improve lubrication of joints without side-effects. As with most things, an early start brings best results, and you can repeat the course every 6 months.

### An early tick season •

is expected so increase your dog's topical squirt to every fortnight starting NOW! Also try to keep pets out of the bush, and run your hands all over them every day to feel for the pin-head of a tick. If you find one, use a tick twister to remove it then bring it, with your pet, to the vet. Don't offer the patient any food at this stage!

It was great to see so many of you at Mini-Mos... check out the photos on **facebook**, where you can also share your pet photos and get all the latest news.

Cheers for now from all the team,  
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