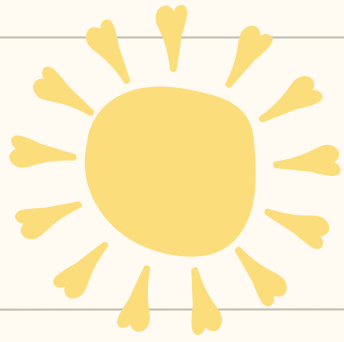




Paws in Print



BROUGHT TO YOU BY CAMMERAY VET

spring edition

Spring is here, and we're excited to share another edition of our hospital newsletter!

In this issue, we'll introduce some new faces to our team, highlight some of our vets' additional qualifications and areas of expertise and share some of the latest services and initiatives happening at our hospital.

We're pleased to introduce our new **pre-anaesthetic HCM phenotype screening service**, which provides additional information when assessing the health of cats prior to anaesthesia. Dr Rebecca also shares an informative piece about our **Stress-Free Program** and how we're working to make visits to the hospital more comfortable and positive for our patients.

You'll also find some information about **Bravecto Quantum- a flea and tick injection that lasts a whole year**, along with a closer look at the people and services that make our hospital what it is.

Most importantly, thank you for trusting us with the care of your pets. We're incredibly grateful to have you as part of our Cammeray Vet family and appreciate the confidence you place in our team. We hope you enjoy our Spring edition!

Warm Regards, The Cammeray Vet Team



HCM PHENOTYPE SCREENING FOR SENIOR CATS



To further enhance the safety of anaesthesia in our senior feline patients, we are now offering hypertrophic cardiomyopathy (HCM) phenotype screening for cats over 7 years of age undergoing a general anaesthetic. You may notice our nurses discussing this option with you during admission for your cat's procedure—read on to learn more about HCM screening and how it can help.

♥ Why are we recommending this test?

Heart disease is common in older cats, and many affected cats show no outward signs until they become very unwell.

The most common heart disease in cats is called Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy (HCM). HCM causes the heart muscle to become abnormally thickened, which can affect how the heart functions.

Importantly, around 1 in 7 cats over 7 years of age have an HCM phenotype — meaning their heart shows changes consistent with HCM on ultrasound examination.

♥ What is “HCM phenotype”?

“HCM phenotype” means the heart has developed the structural appearance of HCM on an ultrasound scan (echocardiogram), regardless of the underlying cause.

Some cats with HCM phenotype remain stable for years, while others are at increased risk of:

- Anaesthetic complications
- Congestive heart failure
- Blood clots
- Sudden collapse or sudden death

♥ What does the screening involve?

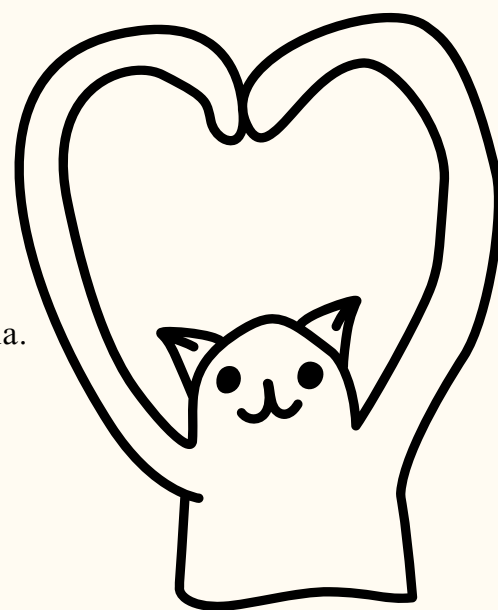
- A proBNP blood test
- A basic echocardiogram (heart ultrasound)

These tests help screen for hidden heart disease before general anaesthesia.

♥ What are the benefits of screening?

Detecting HCM phenotype before anaesthesia may allow us to:

- Adjust anaesthetic protocols for improved safety
- Avoid medications that may increase risk
- Monitor more closely during and after anaesthesia
- Identify cats needing a full cardiology assessment
- Detect disease before symptoms develop
- While screening cannot eliminate all anaesthetic risk, it can help us make safer and more informed decisions for your cat.



These two tests combined normally price to over \$600, however, as we believe in the importance of this screening, we are offering the combined test for \$200 as a pre-anaesthetic screen.

If you have any questions regarding this test, please contact our friendly staff on (02) 8057 5362 and we will be happy to help!

INTRODUCING...



ROMANE

Romane graduated from the University of Sydney with a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM) in 2025. She enjoys the variety that general practice offers, from helping puppies and kittens get the best start to supporting pets and their families through every stage of life. She loves getting to know both her patients and their owners and believes that taking the time to listen and educate is an important part of providing the best possible care. While Romane loves treating dogs and cats, she also has a special interest in rabbit medicine and is passionate about improving rabbit welfare. She also loves rescue and shelter medicine, and you will often find her with a foster animal - whether that's a rabbit, kitten or dog! Outside of work, Romane loves to go to the beach with her beloved Clumber Spaniel, Benedict Clumberbatch, or stay home with her three rabbits Hiro, Otis and Percy, affectionately known as "HOP". She loves cooking, gardening, and is always looking for an excuse to enjoy good food and coffee with friends.



ABBIE

Coming all the way from England, Abbie is the newest animal attendant to join our team.

Abbie has always had a huge love for animals and, after studying Animal Biology at University, made the move to Sydney- where she quickly fell in love with Australia's incredible wildlife (and the sunshine!).

She's excited to keep building her skills in animal care and hopes to complete her Certificate IV in Veterinary Nursing with us. When she's not at the vet, you'll usually find Abbie out for a run, having coffee with friends, or exploring her new home.



ANNUAL FLEA AND TICK INJECTION

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"Struggle to remember when your dog's parasite prevention is due?"

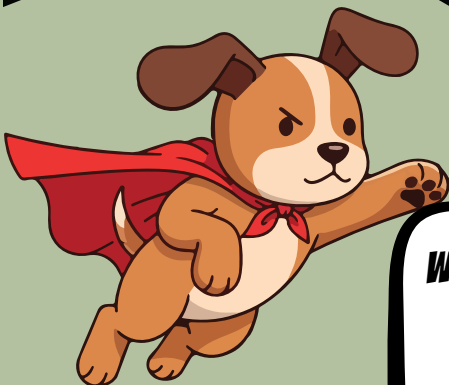
"Sick of coming up with new ways to trick your dog into eating the tablet?"

**"WISH THERE WAS A SIMPLER WAY TO KEEP YOUR DOG
PROTECTED!?"**



BRAVECTO QUANTUM

**ONE APPOINTMENT. ONE DOSE. 12 MONTHS OF FLEA + TICK
PROTECTION.**



**WONDERING IF BRAVECTO QUANTUM IS THE RIGHT CHOICE FOR YOUR LITTLE
HERO?**

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THE RIGHT PROTECTION FOR YOUR FURRY FAMILY MEMBER.**

Stress-Free Veterinary Care ~ Dr Rebecca Greenway

For many of our beloved pets, a visit to the vet can be a stressful experience. This may be due to an unfamiliar environment, new smells and sounds, previous negative experiences such as injections or nail trims, car travel, feeling unwell, or even sensing their owner's anxiety about the visit. Unfortunately, each stressful experience can reinforce these feelings, causing future visits to become increasingly difficult. Signs of stress or fear in pets can include panting, lip licking, yawning, trembling, hiding, vocalising, a lowered tail and reluctance to be handled.

Creating Positive Experiences

At Cammeray Veterinary Hospital, we believe that veterinary care should be a positive experience for both pets and their families. Reducing stress is not only about making veterinary visits more pleasant, it can also improve the accuracy of examinations, reduce fear-related behaviours and help pets receive the care they need more comfortably. This is done through thoughtful handling techniques, environmental modifications, positive reinforcement and stress-reducing medications when appropriate. Sometimes the simplest strategies can make a big difference. Two of our staff, Head Nurse Sylvi and Nurse Madi have done extra training in 'Fear-Free' animal care. So our team is well trained to recognise the signs of stress and adjust their approach accordingly.

Dogs

For our canine patients, examinations may take place on the floor, on the consultation table, or even in our treatment area - wherever they feel most comfortable. Our nurses often assist by gently distracting pets and using low-stress handling techniques to help them feel at ease. Offering treats during examinations and on arrival in reception can help create positive associations with the practice and reinforce calm behaviour.

Extra Care for Our Feline Friends

Cats experience vet visits differently from dogs, so we take additional steps to minimise their stress. Whenever possible, feline patients are separated from dogs and taken directly into a consultation room on arrival. Cat carriers are kept elevated off the ground and covered with a towel to provide a sense of security. We also use Feliway®, a calming feline pheromone, throughout our consultation rooms and hospital areas. Our team aims to minimise unnecessary handling and allow cats time to settle into their surroundings. For hospitalised feline patients, we provide hiding boxes in their enclosures, giving them a safe space where they can feel more secure.

Stress-Free Medication

Another way to help your pet feel more comfortable is to administer medications to reduce stress levels. For pets staying for surgery, diagnostic procedures or in hospital we offer "stress-free medication" in a tablet form. The option for this medication is on our hospital consent forms and available on an 'opt-out' basis. Some of our patients are even prescribed this medication to be given prior to a vet visit. Some "stress-free" medications were originally approved for use in humans, but now widely used for animals. Each patient is assessed and medication is administered as deemed necessary to lower or eliminate their stress levels. The medications that we typically use in our practice are Trazodone and Gabapentin.

Please let us know if you would like to discuss this further for your pet. It may make a difference!

Give us a call on 8057 5362 anytime. We are happy to help!

**DID YOU KNOW?
OUR VETS NEVER
STOP LEARNING.**

**SOME HAVE UNDERTAKEN ADDITIONAL
STUDIES IN AREAS THEY'RE PASSIONATE
ABOUT, DEVELOPING THEIR EXPERTISE SO
THEY CAN PROVIDE THE BEST POSSIBLE
CARE FOR YOUR PETS.**



Congratulations to Dr Sarah King on recently achieving ANZCVS Membership in Small Animal Dentistry and Oral Surgery!

This is a significant postgraduate qualification that recognises advanced knowledge and experience in veterinary dentistry and oral surgery. It reflects Dr Sarah's commitment to providing the highest standard of dental care for our patients, from preventative dental health through to more complex dental procedures.



Meet our surgical expert, Dr Karmen Fong!

With a MANZCVS in Small Animal Surgery, Dr Karmen has undertaken extensive postgraduate training in veterinary surgery. Her expertise is a valuable part of our team, particularly when our patients require more involved or complex surgical care. Dr Karmen has a particular interest in orthopaedic surgery, and is passionate about helping our patients achieve the best possible outcomes.



Internal medicine specialist, Dr Philippa Friday!

Dr Philippa completed a residency in Equine Internal Medicine, a Master of Science in Veterinary Pharmacology, and is a Board-Certified Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine (ACVIM). Her extensive training in internal medicine, diagnostics and pharmacology brings additional expertise to the care of our small animal patients, particularly those with more complex medical needs.

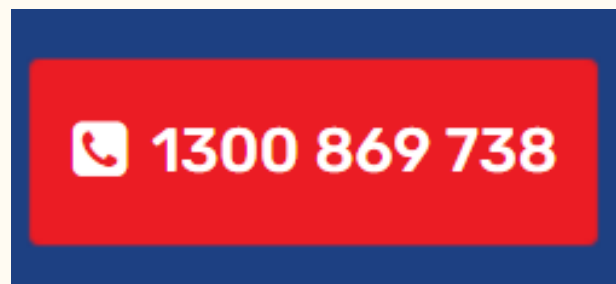
Important information and contacts

Need an appointment?

TO BOOK AN APPOINTMENT WITH ONE OF OUR FABULOUS VETS, GIVE US
A CALL ON 8057 5362 OR VISIT OUR WEBSITE BELOW.

[CLICK ME TO BOOK!](#)

IF YOUR PET HAS INGESTED A PLANT (OR ANYTHING THAT MAY BE TOXIC) AND YOU'RE
NOT SURE WHAT TO DO, CALL THE AUSTRALIAN POISONS HELPLINE



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