

SPECIAL OFFER SEASON FOR SENIOR PETS!



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Call us today on 9953 1264 to arrange your pet's **SENIOR HEALTH CHECK**.



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Senior Health Checks – Back by Popular Demand!

At 4 Paws Vet we are interested in helping your senior pet live a longer and happier life by reducing the risk of health problems as they age. Early detection of a problem is vital to managing this successfully, so it is necessary to keep a close eye on your pet in order to recognise any early signs of ill-health.

The *Senior Pet Health Screening Program* is back **bigger and better than ever** this winter. With generous assistance from Hills Pet Food, Bayer Animal Health and IDEXX laboratories, 4 Paws Vet is offering our clients with senior pets the following special package:

- \$30 off a comprehensive blood test
- A FREE urinalysis test
- \$20 of any bag of Hills dry food or carton of Hills wet food
- \$10 off the following flea or tick products - Advocate, Advantix or Advocate

Visit our website at 4pawsvet.com.au for further information and follow us on **Facebook** to keep up to date with all our news, promotions and competitions.



Stem Cell Therapy for Dogs

4 Paws Vet has recently started offering Stem Cell Therapy for dogs as a treatment for arthritis. We have had very positive results so far – just ask Daisy, a 9 year old Staffy who received stem cell injections into one of her elbows and one of her knees. Before the treatment, Daisy was having trouble walking and her elbow was very sore. Now she is bouncing around like she used to when she was young!



Daisy – 9 year old Staffy

If you have a dog that suffers from arthritis (young or old), is on anti-inflammatory medication for arthritis or has had a previous joint surgery, please feel free to discuss the treatment with Dr Ian Russ or Dr Natalie Burke

as your dog is likely to be an excellent candidate for the procedure.

The stem cells used are not embryonic, but derived from adult fat cells. They work by stimulating regrowth of cartilage cells and reducing inflammation in affected joint(s). The research to date has been very exciting and we hope to see a lot of dogs feeling more comfortable and spritely and anticipate a reduction or elimination for the need for anti-inflammatory medications for many of these patients.

Stem Cell therapy is currently heavily discounted as part of our introductory offer so please inquire with us today as places are rapidly being filled.

Pancreatitis in Cats

Pancreatitis in middle to older aged cats is on the increase with a prevalence of approximately 30%. The affected cats quite often show vague symptoms of lethargy and loss of appetite. But as the disease progresses they will often become very dehydrated, vomit and exhibit lots of abdominal pain. Many cats will also develop liver disease and inflammatory bowel disease.

The pancreas lies just below the stomach and is responsible for producing insulin and digestive enzymes. It plays a vital role in glucose utilisation and digestion of food.

The causes of pancreatitis include infections, trauma, poisons and immune system flare-ups. In many cases the cause maybe unknown. Diagnosis involves a physical examination, blood tests and, in some cases, abdominal ultrasound.

Affected cats will be admitted to hospital for intensive treatment which includes intravenous fluid therapy, pain control, antibiotics and anti-nausea medications. Most cats will recover within a few days; however, some can develop a chronic condition which requires long term management with a special diet and pain control.

New at Pets in the City!

Frolicat 'Bart' and Frolicat 'Bolt' automatic, programmable lazer toys as seen on youtube. See them in action in our window!

New in Store at 4 Paws Vet!

The guys from Hills have developed a new range of wellness food for your pussy or pooch and are launching it at 4 Paws Vet this winter. It's called **VetEssentials**. This preventative nutritional range targets five essential health needs for your pet.

The feline fanciers amongst us are really excited about this product as, not only is it a complete and balanced food, but it is also formulated to address oral care, weight management, skin and coat health, bladder health and healthy digestion.

We put it to the test with Ordella's boys, "Flash" and "Link" and they said "Meeeeeeeeooooow" (translates as, "mummy that was yummy")!

The New **VetEssentials** range is only available in vet clinics so come into 4 Paws Vet and have a chat to our staff about the exciting new range (or alternatively chat about our ability to translate cat cries!!)

PETS IN THE CITY NEWS

WINTER GROOMING

For many long haired dog breeds, particularly poodles and poodle crosses, grooming is not an option; it's an obligation, ALL YEAR ROUND!

The PITC stylists are very experienced in 'winter clips' and can leave your dog with enough fur for warmth while keeping the coat at a manageable, tangle free length. Check out the PITC FACEBOOK page for regular 'Saturday specials' on grooming.

CAT-TASTIC ARRIVALS

'Sleepypods' are back in stock. If you're unfamiliar with this cult kitty item, come in and check them out – they're a bed, car seat and carrier all at once.