



Heathmont Vet News



INTRODUCING THE THRIVING PETS PROGRAM

2023 is seeing us phase out our previous pet wellness programs, the VIP program and the Paw Seasons Program. Instead we have introduced the "Thriving Pets Program" via *Your Pet PA*, a one-stop site for all your pet health needs including veterinary advice after hours, unlimited consultations at ANY vet clinic, parasite control delivered to your door, reduced price prescriptions and food and \$100 off vaccinations, dentals and desexings. The plans are designed to be preventative care and wellness support to help keep pets healthy and encourage early diagnosis and intervention. It is not an insurance program or a substitute for pet insurance. For those clients who do NOT wish to join the Thriving Pets Program, you can still access cheaper prescription medications for long term conditions AND cheaper food and parasite control delivered to your home via our special QR code! Your in clinic consults, desexing surgeries and dental cleans are subject to availability at booking, so please book in advance to prevent disappointment!

		Thriving Pets	Thriving Pets +	
	Unlimited Online Vet Chat & Advice <i>(Available every evening Monday to Sunday)</i>	✓	✓	
	Vet Care Plan <i>(Tailored for your pet)</i>	✓	✓	
	Flea, Tick & Worming prevention delivered direct to your door. <i>(Monthly for Dogs & Quarterly for Cats)</i>	✓	✓	
	Unlimited Consults At any Vet Clinic <i>(Up to \$75 per consult)</i>	—	✓	
	Annual Vaccination <i>(Up to \$100)</i>	—	✓	
	\$100 Wellness Screen Allowance	—	✓	
	\$100 Annual Dental Allowance	—	✓	
	\$100 Desexing Allowance	—	✓	
	10% Pet Store Discount <i>(Your PetPA online store)</i>	—	✓	
	Cats	Dogs	Cats & Dogs	Puppies & Kittens
Pay Monthly:	\$19.95	\$25.95	\$45.95 (+ 1st upfront payment of \$149.95)	\$45.95 (+ 1st upfront payment of \$149.95)
Pay Yearly:	\$192.00 \$239	\$249.00 \$311	\$590.00 \$655	\$590.00 \$655

OUR VETS

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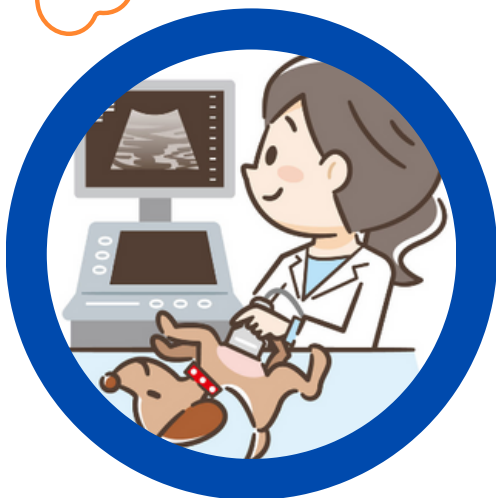
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ECHO now at HAH



Dr. Mal has been offering full abdominal scans and ultrasound-guided biopsies for some time, but we are excited to announce that she is now offering echocardiograms (heart ultrasounds) to measure the LA:AO ratio (left atrial size to aortic size) in dogs under 15kg! This measurement allows for confirmation of Left Atrial enlargement which is the trigger to start long term heart medications in dogs with Mitral Valve Disease (the most common heart disease). Studies have proven that by starting medications when there is evidence of left atrial enlargement on imaging, even though your pet is showing NO outward symptoms, we can prolong their time in the healthy, asymptomatic stage by up to 18 months! This gives them the best quality of life possible, for the longest time possible, before potentially entering heart failure. Because who doesn't want the best for their pet?

Lifelong Learning

Dr. Kaylee is halfway through a 10 month distance education course in animal behaviour with The University of Sydney. This course is designed to increase her skills in diagnosing and treating pets with behavioural difficulties such as separation anxiety and dog or human aggression. Very pertinent in life post-Covid, and we look forward to her teaching the rest of the veterinary team the latest in behavioural medicine.

Construction update

As many of you would have seen the empty block next door, previously the car wash, is now under construction! Eventually a new childcare centre will occupy this spot but in the meantime it is going to be a bit noisy and muddy! From time to time the builders may require brief use of our driveway, however if there are any issues with parking or clinic access please notify our reception team.

6 monthly check ups; why it's important

Just a reminder to our clients that if your pet is on long term medication we are required to see them for a check up every 6 months, as per AVA (Australian Veterinary Association) guidelines. This includes those on heart medications, arthritis drugs, behaviour medications, long term skin/allergy treatments, thyroid disease patients and adrenal disease patients (Cushings and Addisons), as well as diabetics and those with kidney disease.

In 6 months your pet ages the equivalent to 3 and a half years (more if they are a large breed dog), so a lot can change in that time! Make sure to call and book your pet's check up in advance before you run out of medication so we can ensure we can organise a consult time that suits you, have your medication in stock OR we can organise a discounted medication through YourPetPA, for medication delivered to your door step.