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Our Nurses – Alice Bassett, Emily Robb, Ann Johnson, Rachael Hultgren, Rebecca Royds, Kirsty Williams, Olivia Townsend, Zoe Tweddle, Samantha Douma, Leigh Butler, Deb Blanco.

Clinic Hours

The clinic can be contacted between 8am-6pm Mon-Fri, and between 8am-1pm in Saturdays.

After Hours

For Emergencies after hours call 4125 2788

With Christmas behind us it is a great time to evaluate how much we overindulged and set some goals for the year ahead. The same goes for our furry pets who may have received an extra treat or two during the festivities as well.

We can help you get your pets weight back on track!!

Is your pet looking a little 'round' lately? It may be time to get that weight back on track before it causes some health issues in the future. Trim animals tend to live longer while overweight dogs are prone to diseases such as heart disease, arthritis, diabetes and much more. The first steps to take an active role in your pets weight loss is to keep a diary of what you feed your pet each day. You may be surprised at how one little treat can add up to many throughout the day, especially if there is more than one person in the household giving the treats out. Everyone in the family needs to understand and be willing to comply with a new set plan.

There are two ways you can reduce your pets daily calorie intake:

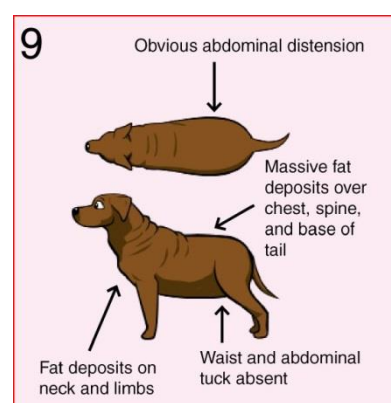
1. **Feeding your pet less than they are currently eating** - usually by reducing the current amount by 20%-40% then reevaluating how well that is working after 2-3 weeks.
2. **Switch to a special weight reduction diet** - These diets are low in fat and calories but are also dense and are 'filling'.

Both ways are to be used in conjunction with no table scraps and minimal treats!!

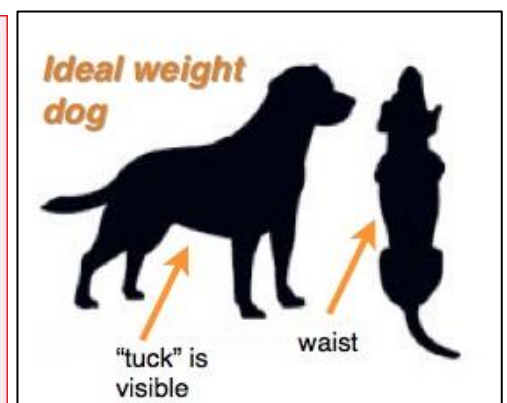
Exercise can be a great substitute for treats as it will take the focus away from food. For a healthy dog, a 20-40 minute walk five days a week is a great way to build muscle and burn calories. For arthritic or obese dogs, swimming is an ideal exercise.

Feel free to pop into the clinic and use our scales, we are more than happy to give you advice along the way and record your pet's weight loss. We can even provide a graph of your pet's weight loss so you can see all the hard work paying off.

Give these ideas a go, be strong and your pet will love you for it!!



Overweight dog



Ideal weight

5 Minutes with Sheyne



Dr Sheyne Horton

Sheyne has been a familiar face at Bayview Vets for 18 years....and he is not allowed to go anywhere else!! Not only is Sheyne great with Dogs and Cats he is just as fabulous with tiny animals and reptiles too!!

Where did you study Vet Science? University of Queensland

When did you know you wanted to be a vet? For as long as I can remember, since I was a young kid.

What pets do you have at home? Too many.... 1 dog, 2 cats, birds, chickens and 2 children.

Why you love living in Hervey Bay? Every day is like a holiday living in Hervey Bay, why would you want to live anywhere else!!

What would you be if you weren't a vet? A professional Gamer or George Costanza from Seinfeld. :P

Product of the Month

The best solution for Dog Anxiety

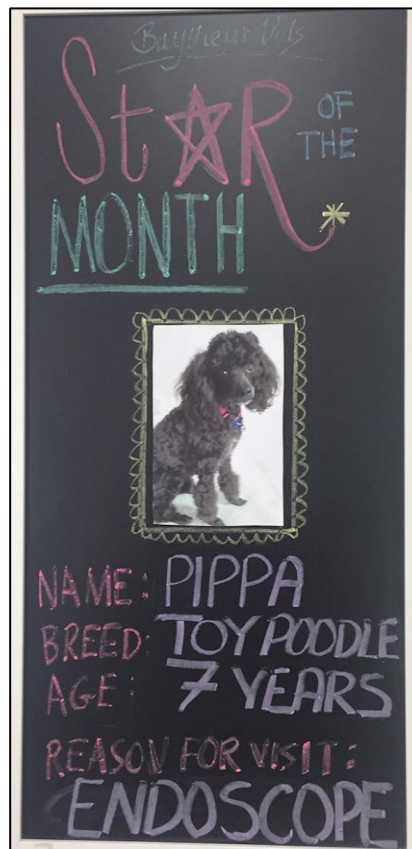
Drug Free
Easy to Use
Recommended by
vets and trainers

Thunder Shirts for storm season

Thundershirt's are designed to apply gentle and constant pressure on the torso to relieve anxiety. It works in a similar way to swaddling an infant. The shirt is easy to fasten and no training is required. The Thundershirt has an 80% success rate for all types or anxiety, fear and over excited behaviours. Many owners notice a reduction or even a complete elimination of symptoms the first time the shirt is worn. Thundershirt stand by their product and offer a money back guarantee if you do not find the shirt effective and return it to them within 45 days.

Bayview Vets are more than happy to help fit your dog for the correct size. We also have the shirts available to try on while in the waiting room, if your pet suffers vet anxiety while in the clinic.

Star of the month



New Blood Machine!!

We have just upgraded our blood machines to the IDEXX Procyte Haematology analyser, Catalyst One and Vetlab station. This means that we will be able to perform faster and more comprehensive tests for your pets in our veterinary clinic so that we can get answers to any of your health concerns more efficiently.

We are also super excited to be using IDEXX equipment due to a relatively new test called SDMA. This test has changed the way that we diagnose kidney disease as it will pick up any changes earlier than our blood work has in the past. This test so far has only been available at the external laboratories however; it will soon be added to our blood machine!