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### Clinic Hours

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

### After Hours

For Emergencies after hours call 4125 2788

## Myth Busters – Desexing

As we head into the second month of the 'RSPCA OPERATION WANTED' campaign, we thought it would be best to BUST some of the myths surrounded around desexing your pet. Here are some of the most common myths that may lead you to understanding why desexing can give your pet the opportunity to have a full and healthy life!!

### 1. My pet's behavior/personality will change!

Yes, it will!!! But for the better. These changes are caused by their sexual hormone levels dropping and stabilising. Therefore, sexually motivated behaviours such as territorial aggression, humping, mounting, wandering, marking and escaping are likely to become less apparent compared to entire animals.

### 2. My pet will get fat!

Maybe.... Getting your pet desexed can change their metabolism, and at 6 months of age (the recommended age for desexing) their growth rate does start slowing and they tend to start filling out anyway. At this age, managing your dog's dietary intake and exercise is very important to keep your pet slim and trim. Our nurses are here to advise you on the nutritional needs of your pet to help you ensure they do not get fat!!!

### 3. My pet should experience a heat or have a litter before being desexed!

No! No! No! Each time your female has a heat they further their risk of mammary tumours, uterine and ovarian cancers and an infection of the uterus (Pyometra). Plus, we don't want to even talk about the mess involved when they have their cycle!!!

### 4. I have a male dog, so I don't need to neuter him!

Yes, you do!! Entire males can become extremely frustrated and the constant need to mate leads to behavioural issues in the household. Entire males are also more likely to end up in animals shelters for this reason. Entire male dogs are more susceptible to testicular cancer and prostate disease. Your tuff male dog will still be a tuff male dog without his bits after the surgery...we promise!

### 5. My pet is too young for an anaesthetic!

We recommend desexing at 6 months of age when they are strong enough and the risks of an anaesthetic are lower. We recommend a pre anaesthetic blood test to preempt any complications and a human grade anaesthetic agent is used throughout the surgery monitored by qualified staff. Your pet is in the safest hands!

## 5 Minutes with Ann



Ann Johnson VN (Cert IV)

Ann is our Mumma Bear at Bayview Vets who seems to know everyone in Hervey Bay!! We caught up with Ann (as she is always very very busy) for a quick chat:

**Most rewarding part of being a vet nurse?** Making a difference in pet's and owners lives. Its different and challenging everyday.

**What would you be doing if you weren't a nurse?** Not sure, maybe a human nurse??

**Favourite dog breed?** I don't really have a favourite, I think the scruffier and uglier the better. But I do prefer larger breeds.

**Why you love living in Hervey Bay?** I was born here, so it is my home. (hence why she knows everyone 😊)

**What pets do you have at home?** Jess and Zac my beautiful doggy babies, Meow Meow the smoochy cat and chickens and cows! 🐄

## Product of the Month



### Veggie Ears!!!!

Unlike Pigs ears which are very high in fat, Veggie ears are high in quality and nutrition. They are a great low fat alternative treat with all-natural ingredients and they are gluten free and meat free. The vegetable fibres ensure no sinew gets stuck in their teeth, mouth or throat. They are great for dental health as the chew treat is long lasting and helps scrape the plaque off your dog's teeth. It's a win win for these treats:



Cheap ✓

Healthy ✓

Low fat ✓

No additives ✓

Tasty ✓

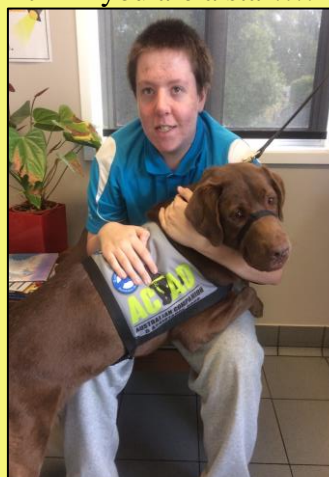
Safe ✓



### A BIG CONGRATULATIONS TO WALLACE!!!!

Wallace has just recently passed all his training to become an official 'Australian Companion Assistant Dog'.

We are so proud of you Wallace, you have worked so hard and we think you are a star!!!!



### New Ultrasound Machine

Over the past few months our vets have had a great time playing with our new Ultrasound Machine. We love a new toy!!!! This new machine is a great diagnostic tool to assist in the evaluation of your pet's condition, particularly conditions involving soft tissue. Ultrasound scans are most useful for looking at soft or fluid filled organs like the liver, kidney, bladder and heart. It is less effective for examining bones or air-filled organs like the lungs which we would continue to use our X-ray machine. It is a non-invasive, painless procedure and in most cases done without an anaesthetic.