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Our Nurses – Ann Johnson, Rachael Hultgren, Kirsty Williams, Olivia Townsend, Zoe Tweddle, Samantha Douma, Leigh Butler, Debs Blanco, Dakota Beattie, Nicki Klevering.

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



Tubby Tummies...

Our pet's rely on us so heavily for all their health and well-being needs - when they're sick, sore, entertained and especially what ends up in their food bowls. That's why it's so important for us humans to understand the effect we can have on our pet's health, happiness... and even life span!

Over 32% of cats and 41% of dogs in Australia are overweight or obese - for some pet's that means they're only a 1kg overweight, or they can be as much as 20kg overweight!



Dogs and cats who are overweight or obese suffer from:

- Exercise intolerance/decreased stamina
- Hypertension (high blood pressure)
- Respiratory compromise
- Osteoarthritis
- Liver and pancreatic disease
- Heart disease
- Increased risk of cancer
- Heat intolerance
- Insulin resistance / diabetes
- Increased surgical/anaesthetic risk
- Susceptibility to infection
- Urinary issue's

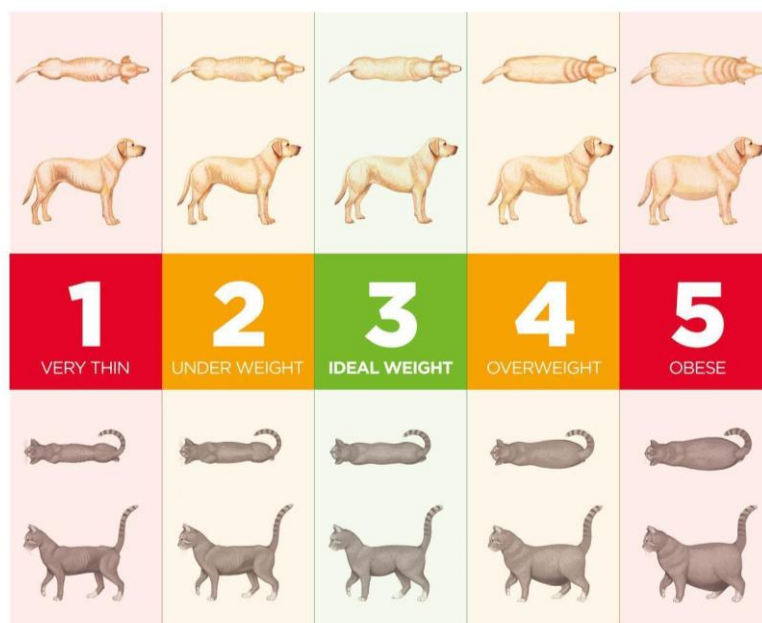
Have a look at the chart below and see where you're your cat or dog sits in relation to an "ideal" body size. To do a physical check on your pet, feel around its midsection while your pet is standing. The ribs and spine should be easy to feel, and on most pets there should be a tucked in, or slight hourglass shape to the waist.

If you cannot easily feel your dog or cat's ribs or spine, and the tucked-in waist has thickened considerably enough to give the animal a more tubular shape, it is time for you to consult with one of our nurses or veterinarians about a weight loss regimen for your pet.



How does your pet shape up?

Check their Body Condition score on the chart below



5 Minutes with Maddie



Dr. Madeline Smith

Dr Madeline is the newest addition to our Bayview Veterinary Team and is quickly becoming a favourite among our patients. Maddie graduated with her Bachelor of Veterinary Science (Hons) from the University of Queensland and joined Bayview at the beginning of the year.

Maddie and her fiancé Matt have bought a home here in Hervey Bay and are enjoying what life in the bay has to bring.

What would you be doing if you weren't a Vet?

I'm not sure, I have always wanted to be a vet

Favourite breed?

Border Collie

Why you love living in Hervey Bay?

I love being able to walk the dogs on the beach, and having the beach so close to home

What pets do you have at home?

2 dogs and a cat

Why does your vet take your pet 'to the back'?

Have you ever asked, "why does my vet need to take my pet 'to the back'?" Do you wonder what going to "the back" even means? Is "the back" a mythical place where medicinal wonders are performed? I can appreciate how stressful it can be to have your pet taken away for exams, blood draws, or treatments. It's normal to wonder what goes on 'behind the scenes' and why you can't be with your pet during these procedures. I'm here to assure you that "the back" is not a scary place at all, and to help you understand why veterinarians recommend moving your pet to a different area in order to accomplish these aforementioned tasks.

When you head to the vet, you and your pet are likely both a little nervous. Whether it's for yearly vaccinations or to figure out why your furry best friend has been scratching or vomiting, you have to bring them in — and no one likes to be poked and prodded. By the time your vet appears in the exam room, you've both had time to worry about it and the vet picks up on your combined nerves.

That's one of the reasons so many veterinarians will do an initial exam in the room while you're there, but will whisk your pet "to the back" for bloodwork and other procedures. Some pets are actually calmer when they are away from their owner, which makes it easier to perform exams or draw blood or administer a treatment. This allows the veterinarian to accomplish tasks more efficiently and safely, reducing stress for the pets. Your pet may actually be much more difficult (or even dangerous) to handle in your presence, either because he's trying to protect you or is sensing your concern for him. For many pets, getting away from Mum or Dad and being handled by a confident, experienced, animal-loving vet nurse means getting the procedure done faster and with less stress for everyone.

More room to work

In most veterinary clinics, "the back" refers to a large open area of the hospital designed for treatments and procedures with access to surgical lights, equipment and more space to move around. It's a comfortable room where it's easy for vets and nurses to work with your pet with all the tools they need close at hand which makes it superior to the smaller exam rooms for performing routine tasks. In our clinic our blood pathology machine, xray, ultrasound and microscope are all 'out the back' with a range of other pieces of equipment needed for a wide range of testing.

Our veterinary nurses can offer an extra set of hands to help with restraining or calming your pet or getting equipment, medications or anything else that's needed. You can be assured that your pet is getting excellent care when he or she is out of your sight.



Farewell Bruce and Debs



It is with heavy hearts that we farewell Dr Bruce and Vet Nurse Debs. Bruce is returning home to Scotland, with his puppy Pip and Debs is returning 'home' to Melbourne. They will both be dearly missed.