



## Is your pet showing signs of Osteoarthritis?

Pets are notorious for hiding signs of pain, which is an inherited self-preservation reflex so it is really important to keep an eye out for signs of discomfort. If you notice any of the following changes in your pet, talk to us to discuss whether Osteoarthritis (OA) could be the cause:

- Difficulty climbing stairs, walking, running, or jumping
- Reluctance to play
- Lameness, limping, or moving with an altered gait
- Stiffness or slowness in rising from a resting position
- Soreness upon being touched
- Frequent yelping or whimpering or lack of vocalization
- Excessive licking of a joint or leg
- Behavioural changes such as withdrawal or aggression
- Change in normal eating habits

It's not easy to see your pet in pain due to osteoarthritis. However, it's important for you to recognize the signs and alert your veterinarian so OA can be diagnosed as soon as possible and proper treatment begun. Fortunately, early treatment of pain and inflammation can help control the progression of OA and allow your dog to remain comfortable longer. There are many options available to help your pet including anti-inflammatory medications, injections, joint health prescription diets and/or supplements.

***Coming in to Winter it is the perfect time to have your pet checked out if they are showing any signs of slowing down. Make an appointment so we can help your best friend become pain free again.***



## Comfortis is now registered for use in cats too!

Spinosad per tablet	For dogs weighing	For cats weighing
140 mg	2.3 – 4.5 kg	1.4 – 2.7 kg
270 mg	4.6 – 9 kg	2.8 – 5.4 kg
560 mg	9.1 – 18 kg	5.5 – 11.2 kg
810 mg	18.1 – 27 kg	n/a
1620 mg	27.1 – 54 kg	n/a

Dogs weighing more than 54 kg and cats weighing more than 11.2 kg should be administered the appropriate combination of tablets.

**The #1 canine flea treatment**  
recommended by Australian veterinarians\* is now available for use in cats.

➤ **Fast-acting** ➤ **Convenient** ➤ **Family-friendly** ➤ **Can't rub or wash off**

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## Why we LOVE Pet Insurance

Early one Thursday morning, Mikkaela's worst nightmare came true. Her beloved Border Collie Cato, was hit by a car and brought into TVH in a serious condition. Cato needed extensive tests and surgery which Mikkaela could agree to immediately because she didn't have to make any decisions based on financial constraints thanks to Pet Insurance.



Not much makes us happier than knowing we can provide your pet with the best care possible and that you won't have to make any hard decisions based on money. We receive no financial reward from insurance companies if you insure your pet and in fact even ensure our own pets! We only benefit when we can provide the appropriate care for a patient without having to worry about the costs incurred.

Here's who we like:

Pet Plan - <http://www.petplan.com.au/>

Bow Wow Meow - <http://www.bowwowinsurance.com.au/>

Woolworths - <http://insurance.woolworths.com.au/pet-insurance/benefits>

If you would like more information on Pet Insurance please phone us on 4632 8333 or talk to one of our receptionists and we would be happy to assist you further.

### Did you know...

**We offer a 24 hour  
emergency service?**

By calling 4632 8333 at any time of day or night you will always be able to receive Veterinary advice and care from one of the Veterinarians you know and trust.



### Staff Profile

#### **Sarah Acornley**

Sarah and her family relocated back to Toowoomba in January this year and we were lucky enough to have her join the TVH family. Sarah has had a passion for animals from an early age. Sarah has lived in England, America, Darwin, Seymour & Canberra and has finally returned back to Toowoomba with her fiancé Carl who is a local jockey, their 18 month old son Zac and dog Chester. You will most likely be greeted by the energetic and always smiling Sarah at the front reception desk or she will be out the back assisting with surgery and nursing patients back to health. Outside of work Sarah likes to spend as much time around horses as possible and is training to compete with her horse Zed in show jumping competitions later this year.

