



Winter 2015

Focus on Food!!

From the time they're born until well into their golden years, your pet's nutritional needs are constantly changing and their food should too. At Toowoomba Veterinary Hospital our Vets give valuable advice on the food and nutritional needs of dogs and cats from puppies and kittens through to our senior pets.

From weaning to adulthood, energy requirements, immune support and digestive development are critical to your puppy's/kitten's growth. Raising a healthy, happy puppy or kitten requires time, planning and the proper nutrition. With the right food and a little patience, you can ensure your life together gets off to a great start.

Once they reach adulthood, our pets have specific needs based on their size, breed and other particular health requirements. In order to remain fit and healthy throughout their life, their diet must satisfy all of their needs, avoiding both deficiencies and excesses.

Ageing is unavoidable. Our pets go through two distinct stages of ageing – maturity and senior – and their nutritional requirements are different in each stage. Maturity generally starts from the mid-point in a dog's life, and this is a stage when the signs of ageing are not yet visible. At this stage, feeding the appropriate diet can help them retain youthful vitality and helps assist the body to fight against the effects of cell ageing.

At 75-80% of their total life expectancy, our pets are considered 'senior'. Special nutrients like omega-3 fatty acids, antioxidants and glucosamine can help your dog stay active and vibrant well into their golden years. Vitamins E and C, Taurine, Lutein and beta-carotenes complement the natural immune defences of ageing dogs when included in their diet. Essential fatty acids also contribute to healthy skin and coat.

Not all mature and senior dogs and cats have the same nutritional needs. This is why regular visits to the vet are particularly important for older dogs. We will be able to give you some great advice and tips to help your dog or cat get the most out of life no matter their age.

We are advocates for both Royal Canin and the Hills Veterinary Diet range. Please feel free to discuss your pet's particular needs with any of our Vets and Nurses. Pictured here are Dr Sasha with Spot who loves Hills Adult food while our nurse Gemma's little Tess loves Royal Canin Adult Small Dog.



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Kokoda Challenge 2015!!



Dr Paul, Dr Louis, Dr Sasha and our nurses Tiffany and Gemma all completed the Kokoda Challenge earlier this year raising much needed funds for young people!! It took place in the beautiful Redwood and Jubilee Parks, the route started at Webb Park where competitors descended off the escarpment along bridle trails in Redwood Park down towards the Warrego Hwy. Testing competitors stamina passing through a checkpoint the steep climb begins up the picturesque Redwood Forest Walk to peak at Prince Henry Heights before plunging down the northern side into Jubilee Park. Congratulations to all on an amazing achievement!!!

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 – Dr Maddie Clelland
Maddie is a recent graduate from James Cook University, Townsville. She spent the first half of her life in the hot and humid climate of the Northern Territory followed by more locally in Brisbane. She enjoys all aspects of Veterinary Science and the everyday challenges that are encountered. In her spare time,

Maddie enjoys swimming, tennis, reading and spending time with friends.