



**EPSOM AVENUE**  
Small Animal Clinic

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# Healthcare Services

## Health Checks

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Do you ever put off going to the doctor for a general check-up? Unlike humans, our pets normally can't tell us they have a niggling health complaint until the condition gets more serious. That's why regular health checks are so important for pets.

During a regular health check your vet will look for signs of developing illness, check your pet's overall health, replenish essential health supplies like flea and tick control medication and dog worming tablets, and update you on any ongoing health issues under monitoring.

## Geriatric Care

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Pets may age faster than humans, but they make up for it by fitting a lot of living into their years. With the right WA vet team looking after their health, a good diet, and plenty of play time your pet can enjoy a long and happy life by your side.

Just like humans, pets experience changes and challenges as they age. With regular vet checks and

a tailored healthcare plan, your beloved pet will stick around for many years after reaching seniority.

From dog arthritis treatments to bespoke nutrition plans and health monitoring, Epsom Avenue Veterinary Clinic provide compassionate care for dogs, cats and other small animals in their later years.

## Cat Vaccination

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When kittens are first born their fragile immune systems are strengthened by natural antibodies IN their mother's milk. However around 6 weeks it's over to cat vaccinations to prevent a whole range of potentially fatal diseases as your playful kitten grows into a curious cat.

Immunisations don't just protect your cat's health. They also prevent disease and infection from spreading through the neighbourhood pet community, and safeguard against the rare sicknesses that can be contracted by humans.

**Our Perth vet clinic provides cat vaccinations for:**

- **F3 core vaccine (FPV, FCV, FVR)**
- **Rabies**
- **FIV (Feline immunodeficiency virus)**
- **FeLV (Feline leukemia)**
- **Chlamydomphila felis**
- **Bordetella**



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## Dog Vaccination

There are so many great reasons to welcome a dog into your life. From the physical and mental health benefits and years of companionship, to deterring intruders, giving kids a friend to grow and train with, going on adventures together and more.

Protecting your dog from contagious diseases is an essential part of this long and happy life together. Dogs encounter all kinds of viruses and infections during their lives. Dog vaccinations administered by our experienced Ascot vets will prevent the spread of those common, yet potentially deadly, diseases every dog owner fears.

It's particularly important to vaccinate your dog if they

are highly social at the part or likely to visit places with other pets like boarding kennels, grooming salons and doggy day care.

**Our Ascot vet provides dog vaccines to guard against:**

- **C3 vaccine: canine parvovirus, canine distemper virus, canine hepatitis**
- **Parainfluenza virus**
- **Rabies**
- **Coronavirus**
- **Bordetella bronchiseptica (kennel cough)**

## Rabbit Vaccination

Myxomatosis and Calicivirus/Rabbit Haemorrhagic Disease Virus (RHDV) are infectious diseases that have the propensity to affect pet rabbits in Australia.

RHDV can be spread via direct contact between rabbits, respiratory secretions, or via insects, and is generally rapidly fatal. It is common for rabbits that have been infected with RHDC to be found dead. Other clinical signs of infection may include anorexia, quiet mentation, diarrhoea or elevation of respiratory rate.

**Other precautions to lessen the risk of exposure to RHDV OR myxomatosis may include:**

- **Keeping your rabbit indoors**
- **Vaccination against RHDV**
- **Mosquito proofing their outdoor enclosures with fine mosquito mesh**
- **Allow outdoor access during the day only, when mosquitoes are less active**
- **Eliminate stagnant water sources from the garden**
- **Plant mosquito repellent plants around the rabbit housing areas**
- **Maintain good hygiene and biosecurity practices**



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## Dental

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Just like humans, our pets are vulnerable to gum disease and problems with their teeth. Alarming, 80% of dogs and 70% of cats suffer from some form of dental disease by the age of three.

When there is a build up of bacteria, food particles and saliva on the teeth plaque is formed. Plaque sticks to the tooth surface above and below the gum line and if not removed will calcify into tartar (also known as calculus). This appears as a yellow-brown material on the teeth. Over time the bacterial infection in tartar

causes irreversible changes to occur. These include the destruction of supportive tissues and bone, resulting in red gums, bad breath and loosening of teeth.

This same bacterial infection is also a source of infection for the rest of the body (such as the kidney, liver and heart) and can make your pet seriously ill. Ultimately, dental disease results in many pets unnecessarily suffering tooth loss, gum infection and pain. It also has the potential to shorten your pet's lifespan.

## Arthritis Treatments

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Arthritis is similar in humans and dogs. The signs start to appear in old age, usually as a result of long-term wear and tear on joints. Arthritis in dogs can also be a sign of injury, infection, immune disease, genetics, or in some cases cancer.

When arthritis starts to take hold, it can slow your best friend down. At best the affected joints become uncomfortable; in severe cases arthritis can limit mobility and affect your dog's quality of life.

The good news is the symptoms can be managed. Dog arthritis treatments include injections, controlled exercise, physical therapy, and changes to your furry friend's home environment.

If you are concerned your dog may be afflicted by arthritis, call us on (08) 9277 2231 to book an appointment. We can make an initial assessment and recommend next steps, including radiography by our experienced team.



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## Radiography

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Radiography for pets is much the same as for humans. It involves taking a series of pet X-rays of their body to produce a series of images, in order to get a closer look at what is going on inside. Used as part of a medical treatment plan, a pet X-ray can be invaluable in diagnosing a potential illness or health issue.

As a leading vet hospital in Perth, the expert team of

veterinarians here at Epsom Avenue Small Animal Clinic are well trained in the practice of radiography and have safely carried a huge number of pet X-rays on a wide range of animals. Our nurses and vets are on hand to guide you both through the procedure, and answer any questions or concerns you might have. Along with lots of cuddles of course!

## Clinical Pathology

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In order to correctly diagnose an illness or disease in an animal, the analysis of internal elements such as bodily fluids is often required. This is called clinical pathology, and here at Epsom Avenue Small Animal Clinic each of our expert clinicians is highly trained in all areas of pathology. We are able to conduct many tests in-house, and for those requiring laboratory analysis we are closely located to the only veterinary pathology laboratory in the state of WA.

The health and well-being of your beloved pet is our top priority, and we know that a quick and accurate diagnosis of an illness is essential to their health. We utilise various aspects of veterinary clinical pathology wherever necessary, such as chemistry, microbiology, hematology and more, and we have a great relationship with various highly renowned pathologists should a phone consultation assist our diagnosis.



# Surgical Services

## Soft Tissue

When a beloved pet requires surgery we know it can be a scary time, but with the highly trained team of veterinarians here at Epsom Avenue Small Pet Clinic you can rest assured that your furry friend is in great hands. We understand the stress involved for both the animal and humans involved, and make ourselves available to talk through each step of the process beforehand and after to ease any nerves.

With a fully equipped surgical suite at the practice, combined with this high level of expertise of our staff, we are fully prepared to carry out the majority of soft tissues surgical procedures that may be required such as pet lump removal. Having a combined 60 years of experience means our passionate vets have the confidence and skills to carry out each procedure safely.

## Desexing (Dog)

### Spey

- Recommended around 6 months of age

### Benefits

- Stops unwanted puppies
- Stops dogs from coming into season
- Prevents pyometra (uterus infection) common in older intact females which can be fatal

### Procedure

- Fasted overnight – i.e. no food is given from 8pm night before, normal access to water
- Admittance is between 8am – 8:30am for pre-operative examination and pre-medication
- The procedure is under General Anaesthetic, vet nurse in attendance throughout the operation
- Skin sutures need to be removed 10 days after operation (or if intradermal sutures used, a post-op check 7-10 days later to ensure all healed well)

- recommend pain relief injection
- ready to go home around 3:30-4pm
- aftercare notes provided, imperative to keep animal quiet for 2 weeks after the operation. Monitor wound for excessive swelling/discharge
- will have a tattoo in the ear after the procedure so the council knows it's sterilised

### Treatment Options for Mismatings

- Spey – if < 30 days pregnant. Increased risk of the procedure because of the enlarged uterine blood vessels and more fragile tissues. NB there will be a surcharge!
- Medical treatment if < 45 days. Require 2 injections 24 hours apart, the injections are very effective (95%) but is quite expensive +/- \$300



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- procedure performed under general anaesthetic with vet nurse in attendance throughout the operation
- Pain relief injection will be administered at the

time of procedure and then some pain relief suspension to go home with

- ready to go home around 3:00-5:30pm
- after care notes provided, imperative to keep animal quiet for 2 weeks after the operation. Monitor excessive swelling/discharge
- NB cats often get a small amount of swelling at surgery site as a reaction to suture material
- A tattoo will be in the left ear so council knows the animal is sterilised

### Treatment Options for Mismatings

- spey – note surcharge does apply
- medical treatment – side effects

## Orthopaedic

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Orthopaedics generally refers to the skeleton, and soft tissue structures associated with the skeleton that have a role in normal mobility, movement and function. Pets can experience a wide range of orthopaedic diseases or problems that may be developmental or degenerative in nature, or can occur as a result of an injury or accident.

Our knowledgeable and experienced veterinary surgeons are able to examine your pet for presence of orthopaedic disease or injury, and provide further diagnostic procedures as required. We have a fully equipped surgical suite where we are able to perform routine and complex procedures as required.



# Wellbeing Services

## Microchipping

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Microchips for dogs and cats are required by law and enforced by local councils in Western Australia. If your pet wanders off it only takes a scan of the microchip for you to be reunited. Microchips are a very important part of pet ownership.

If your pet is not already microchipped get in touch with us immediately to book an appointment.

Epsom Avenue Veterinary Clinic can microchip your cat or dog during a routine check-up and help you to update your contact details on the registry.

## Nail Clipping

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When it comes to pet maintenance, our regular visitors to the clinic have made it clear which area they dislike the most – pet nail clipping! A squirmy dog or jumpy cat can make this chore a nightmare, and for anyone who's not super experienced wielding a set of large pet nail clippers it can be an intimidating task.

For the safety and wellbeing of your pet we offer an extensive range of thorough professional pet care services, including the careful task of pet nail clipping. Even if it's just to reduce the amount of potential scratches your pet is unwittingly doling out, let us take the stress of this tricky task off your hands.

## Nutritional Advice

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If you have any questions in relation to your pets feeding, we are able to provide information on the best feeding regime for your pet.

If your pet is unfortunate to be diagnosed with a disease process (ie. Kidney disease, pancreatitis) which requires a specific diet plan, we can advise on the best feeding

options to assist with recovery in accordance with the recommendations. We stock a variety of prescription diets and if we don't have it on hand, we can always order it for you.



# Pet Care Services

## Intestinal Worms

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Intestinal worms can threaten the health of your pets and potentially spread to humans. Staying up to date with treatments like dog worming tablets recommended by your Perth vet clinic is important to keep your best friend happy and healthy.

You should also know the signs of intestinal worms so you can act fast and prevent long-term health problems. Intestinal worms are a type of parasitic worm that can live in your pet's digestive system and cause long-term health issues, possibly even death.

## Heartworm Disease

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Discovering your pet has contracted heartworm disease can be extremely concerning, thanks to the difficult life cycle of the condition and the possibility of needing an extensive treatment program.

Here at Epsom Clinic we focus on prevention of this parasitic illness in all pets, and can discuss various

prevention treatment options with you during a regular check up visit. Should your beloved pet contract heartworm disease (HWD) we have high quality facilities prepared to diagnose and treat them, and a friendly team of vets and nurses on hand to guide you through the process.

## Flea and Tick Control

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Almost all pet owners are familiar with fleas and ticks: every time our pets stop to scratch an itch, the thought crosses our mind if they might have some freeloaders.

However, if you're up to date with your flea and tick control – with personalised product advice from the experienced WA vets at Epsom Avenue Veterinary Clinic – then you should have little to worry about.