

Your Pet's Heart Health

What to do if your veterinarian finds a heart murmur

What is a heart murmur?

Your veterinarian may have heard a heart murmur via stethoscope examination suggesting that your pet may have heart disease. Normally, a lub-dub sound can be heard by stethoscope, associated with opening and closing of the heart valves. A heart murmur is an additional swooshing sound which is heard between the normal lub-dub sounds.

A heart murmur is not a diagnosis. A heart murmur is created by turbulent blood flow which may be nothing to worry about (occurring in some young and athletic dogs), the result of a birth defect, or an acquired disease of the heart. An echocardiogram (ultrasound of the heart) performed by a specialist veterinary cardiologist is necessary to determine the cause of the heart murmur and identify the type and severity of heart disease (if present).

Your veterinarian may have graded the heart murmur on a scale of 1-6. Grade 1 is barely audible. Grade 6 is very loud and associated with a vibration which can be felt through the chest wall. The grade of the heart murmur is not necessarily correlated with the severity of the disease and a diagnosis by echocardiography will identify the type of heart disease and its severity.

Look for a specialist veterinary cardiologist who can discuss any risks of your pet's condition, preventative therapy, dietary and lifestyle recommendations.

What to expect

Scan here to find out more about what to expect when you visit us. We consult from VSS Underwood and Carrara.



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What should I do now?

Your veterinarian has recommended you visit Veterinary Cardiologists Australia (VCA) for a consultation with one of our cardiologists. We will discuss any concerns you have and perform an echocardiogram to accurately diagnose the cause of your pet's heart murmur. For some patients, additional tests may be required to fully understand your pet's condition. We'll be here to guide you through these recommendations.

It's easy to feel overwhelmed when hearing your veterinarian has heard a heart murmur, and we understand that this can be a stressful time.

Our goal is to provide you with compassionate and accurate information about your pet's diagnosis to help you make the best choices for your best friend.

If you haven't already, ask your veterinarian for a referral to see us. Then call us on 1800 442 648 to book an initial consultation with one of our compassionate cardiologists.



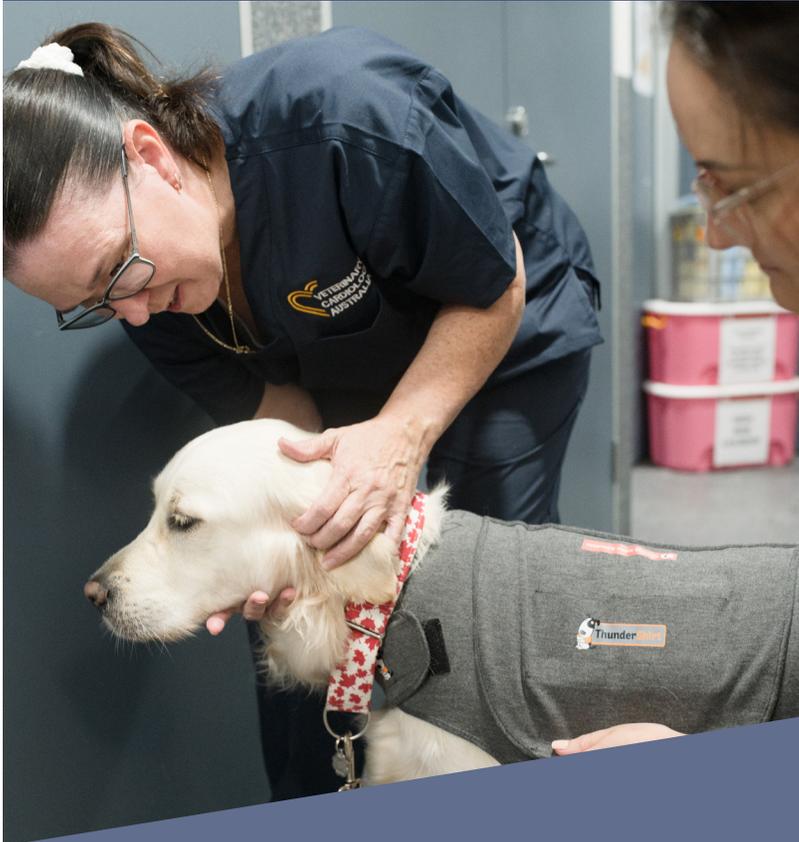
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About Us

We understand how stressful a diagnosis of heart disease can be when it comes to looking after your pet's health.

But it doesn't have to be this way.

If your veterinarian has detected a heart murmur or has hospitalised your pet for other signs of heart disease, we'll provide you with an accurate same-day diagnosis and treatment plan to get your pet home as safely and quickly as possible.

We believe in a holistic approach that brings together state-of-the-art medical therapies, surgical options and a nutrition and exercise plan to help you give your pet the lifestyle they deserve.

What are the costs?

The initial consultation fee is \$212. During this consultation, your cardiologist will advise what diagnostic tests are necessary and provide you with an estimate of costs. For most pets, the tests necessary to provide you with an accurate diagnosis will range from \$950 - \$2500.

We offer a range of payment options including VetPay, Humm, and Latitude Visa, as well as accepting EFTPOS and cash.

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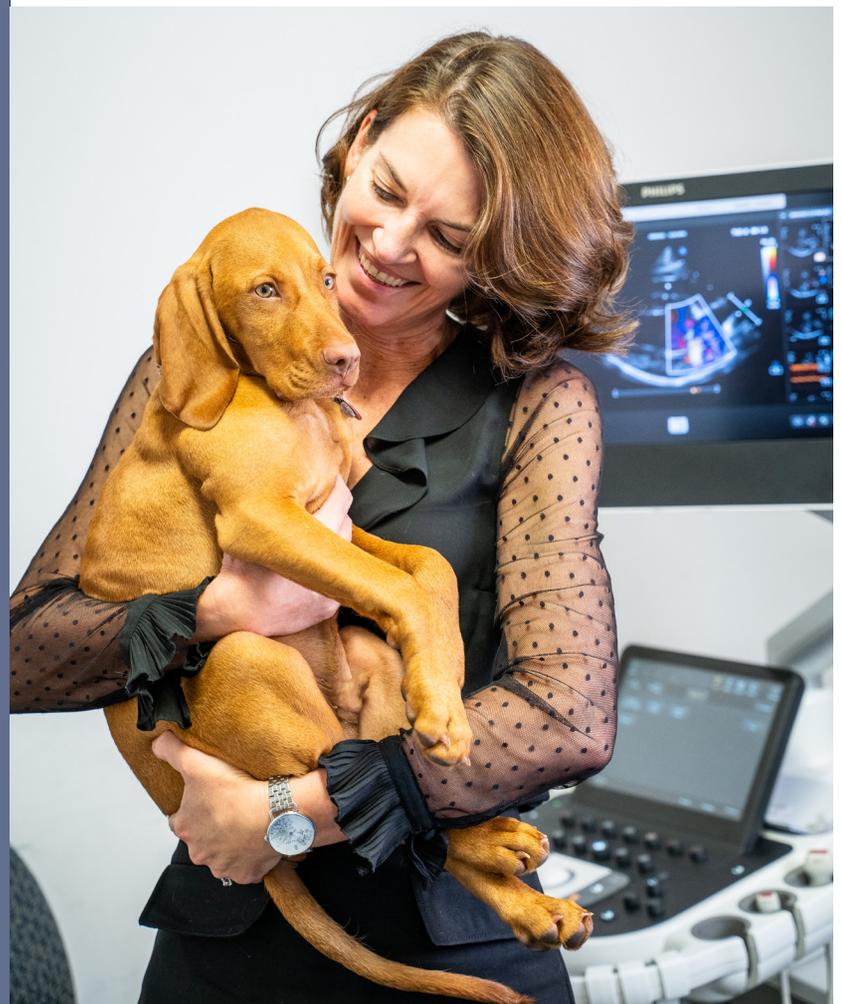
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