

Behavioural Consultations



Northside Veterinary Centre conducts an hour long behavioural consultation with Dr Libby Adamson to assist in understanding and managing your pets behavioural concerns. Dr Libby has a special interest in animal veterinary behaviour, which has led to her completing a 10-month long distance education course in animal behaviour. The aim of the behavioural consultation is to assess and discuss what is normal, what is abnormal and how we can help your pet. In order to achieve this we ask you to fill out an extensive behavioural questionnaire that enables Dr Libby to get a picture of the situation. This questionnaire is required at minimum 48 hours prior to your appointment. This will enable Dr Libby to be fully prepared ahead of your appointment. Depending on your pet's needs, she may advise that your case may benefit from seeing an alternative individual with further qualifications in veterinary behaviour.

During the consultation, your pet's behaviour will be discussed in great detail -be prepared for a lot of talking! Behaviour concerns are addressed with a combination of behaviour modification, environmental management and in some cases, medication. If medications are recommended, any possible side effects and risks will be discussed as well as what we aim for them to achieve. Ongoing costs and required monitoring of any recommended medication will also be discussed. Please be aware, all prescription medications require at minimum a regular 6 month health check for ongoing supply.

A follow-up behaviour appointment to assess initial progress is recommended 6-8 weeks after your initial appointment, which can be arranged as a telephone consultation.

Should you be concerned about bringing your pet to the clinic for the behavioural assessment, please talk to our reception team. In some instances, Dr Libby may elect to do an initial assessment without your pet. Medication to reduce your pet's anxiety, stress or fear at the clinic may also be prescribed in some instances when a physical assessment would be beneficial to your pet.

