

Who do  
I refer to  
when our  
special  
pals need  
specialised  
care...

## How QVS Works

A referral can be organised by your regular vet, who will forward all relevant details prior to your appointment.

At the time of consultation, the relevant QVS specialist will examine your pet, determine the best way to proceed, discuss the approach to be taken, and the likelihood of a good outcome.

You will also be provided with an estimate of fees and the time necessary to complete the management of the case before treatment commences.

Reports are made to your usual vet to keep them fully informed.

## Queensland's first Veterinary Specialist Centre

The majority of animal care cases can be effectively managed by veterinarians in general practice—your regular vet. However, certain cases require specialist advice and treatment.

QVS provides an extensive range of highly specialised veterinary care services. Established in Brisbane's West Chermshire in 1982, QVS was Queensland's first veterinary specialist centre. Today, our state-of-the-art centre at Stafford Heights is one of the most advanced and respected facilities of its kind in Australia.

As a specialist referral centre, we provide numerous services to ensure that all of your pet's needs can be met in the one place. We ensure that your pet is correctly diagnosed, and that the relevant treatment is promptly and effectively applied. We receive referrals from vets Australia-wide—in particular, Queensland and northern NSW.

QVS comprises a team of highly qualified specialists in veterinary science. Of course, they're also animal lovers and owners themselves. So you and your pets are assured of the most professional service and caring support—from diagnosis to treatment to recovery. Our staff will be happy to answer any questions.



## PET EMERGENCY

**24 Hours 7 Days**  
**07 3359 5333**

## Industry & Community Support

QVS is the largest private provider of advanced clinical veterinarian training in Australia. Several QVS staff have adjunct appointments with the University of Queensland's School of Veterinary Science.

QVS provides subsidised care for our working animal companions—guide dogs, police dogs and customs dogs. QVS provides free emergency care for injured wildlife and stray or lost pets.

## Emergency & Critical Care

The QVS Pet Emergency provides 24 hour emergency and critical care services. This is a separate business that operates out of QVS facilities. Pet Emergency provides emergency care for your pet when your regular vet is not available. All our patients are under 24 hour observation and the care of our qualified physicians.



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For detailed information on these services and the specialists involved please see the QVS website [QldVetSpecialists.com.au](http://QldVetSpecialists.com.au)



## Oncology

Veterinary oncology is a relatively new and highly rewarding aspect of veterinary science. QVS has several specialists in veterinary oncology, surgery and internal medicine.

Skin tumours and many other cancers in pets are treated with a combination of surgery and chemotherapy, and survival times and cures are constantly improving. Chemotherapy in pets generally involves much less severe side effects than with humans, due to less intensive dose regimes.

Veterinary chemotherapy aims to improve survival times, while maintaining a good quality of life for the patient.

## Dermatology

A veterinary dermatologist specialises in the treatment and management of diseases of the skin and associated structures, including the ears and claws.

Many skin diseases affecting our pets are complex and lifelong. It is rare that a skin disease can be diagnosed and successfully treated in a single consultation, so in most cases a dermatologist will continue to work with your usual veterinarian to manage ongoing skin diseases affecting your pet.

Some tests can be performed during the consultation, but others may require admission. In most cases, your pet can be discharged on the same day.

## Reproduction

Although desexing is one of the most common vet science procedures, animal reproduction is a highly specialised area—known as theriogenology. The key to understanding animal reproduction is usually in the history.

It is vital that the reproduction team are able to view a detailed medical history of all the reproductive events which have occurred in the patient's life. Often the answer to the problem is contained in the history.

## Internal Medicine

Your vet may suggest a referral to an internal medicine specialist for complicated or critical cases—such as severe pancreatitis or diabetic ketoacidosis—or patients that require specialised equipment for diagnosis or treatment of their condition.

## Surgery

The majority of surgery cases can be managed by your regular vet, however, occasionally cases may require specialist advice and treatment. At QVS, specialist surgeons are available to advise on all aspects of orthopaedic, soft tissue, spinal and oncological surgery.

## Diagnostic Imaging

QVS provides a range of diagnostic imaging services that enable us to assess specific areas of the body in a non-invasive fashion:

- ultrasound
- radiology (X-rays)
- CT scanning
- MRI scanning
- endoscopy

Rapid development in this technology has meant that fewer surgical procedures are necessary, diagnoses can be made faster, and recovery times for patients are quicker.

## MRI Scanning

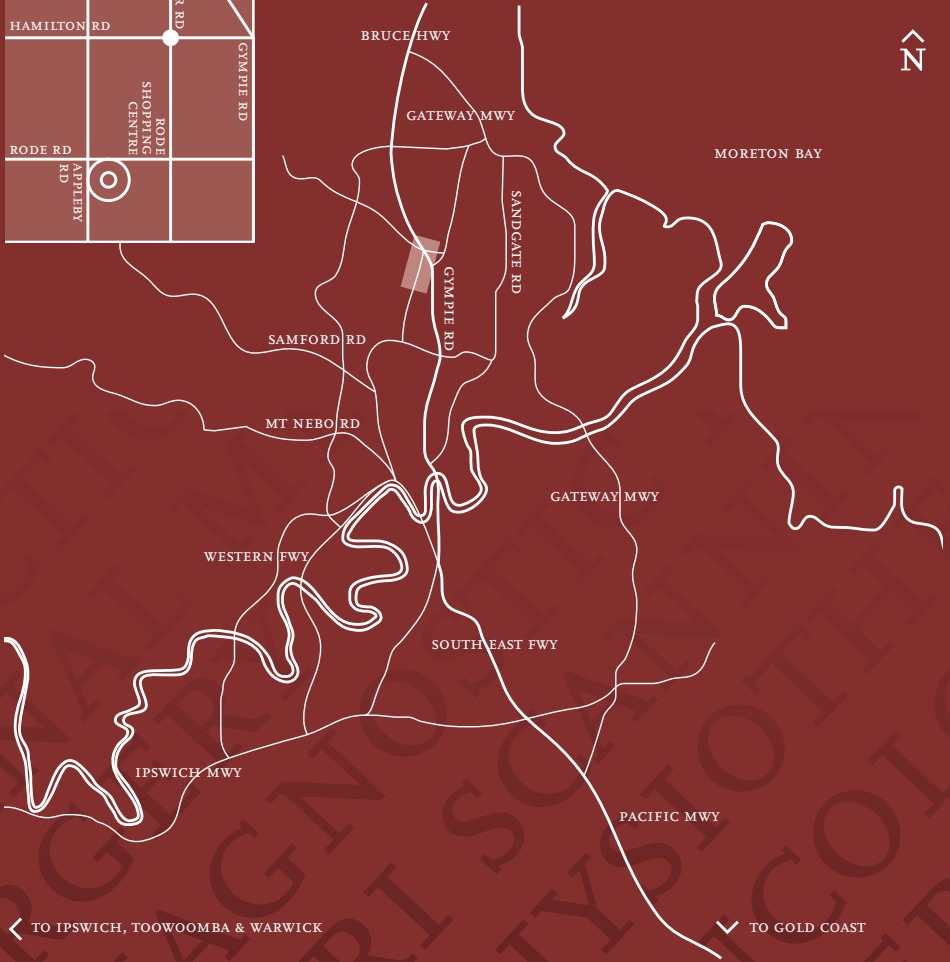
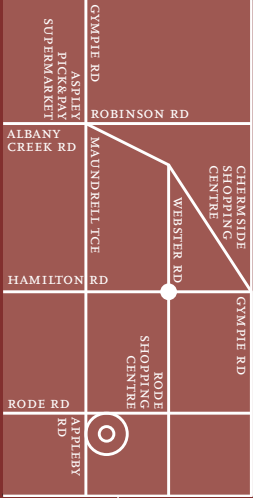
Magnetic resonance imaging or MRI is an exciting development in vet science. MRI provides high quality imaging where other modes of scanning are either unsuitable or inadequate. QVS has the only pet-specific MRI unit in Queensland, and the most advanced in Australia.

## Physiotherapy

Animal physiotherapy improves strength, function and mobility, and reduces pain. Like humans, animals recovering from injury or surgery also benefit from stretching and mobility exercises, strengthening programs, massage, and treatments such as electrical stimulation and ultrasound.

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