



The Darling Telegraph

#5 SUMMER EDITION - NOVEMBER 2025

NEWS, TAILS AND TIPS FROM YOUR LOCAL VETS



Hello *Darling* Pet Owners!

Welcome to Darling Street Vets' Summer 2025 edition Newsletter.

Can you believe there are only two months left in 2025? This year marks **Darling Street Vets' very first full year in operation**, and what a year it has been!

In this edition, we'll be talking about **all things summer**, including

- **heat safety tips**
- **parasite prevention**

and a few exciting **clinic success stories**.



Staying Safe in the Summer Heat



With the hot summer months fast approaching, it's important to stay vigilant about heat-related illnesses in pets. **Heat stress, heat exhaustion, and heat stroke** occur when a pet's body temperature rises to a dangerously high level, and they're unable to cool down effectively.

To help prevent this, **avoid exercise during the hottest parts of the day**, always provide **shade, fresh water and good ventilation**, and **never leave pets in cars**, even for a few minutes. Utilisation of fans, air conditioners, paddling pools and ice blocks can also be helpful. Be mindful of hot surfaces too; if it's too hot for your bare feet, it's too hot for their paws.

Keep an eye out for **early warning signs** such as excessive panting, drooling, bright red gums, or restlessness. More serious symptoms like vomiting, blue gums, weakness, or collapse require **immediate veterinary attention**, as heat stroke can quickly become life-threatening. If you have any doubt as to whether or not your pet may be overheating, it is best seek veterinary advice as soon as possible.

Tick Talk: How to Keep Your Pets Protected

With warmer weather comes an increase in **fleas, ticks, and other parasites**. Staying up to date with parasite prevention is one of the simplest and most effective ways to keep your pet safe, healthy and comfortable.

Why It Matters

Ticks and fleas aren't just irritating, they can cause serious health issues. In particular, the **paralysis tick can be life-threatening** if it attaches to and starts to feed from your pet. It injects a neurotoxin which causes an ascending paralysis. This begins with wobbliness or paralysis of the hindlimbs, progressing to paralysis of the forelimbs, and coughing, gagging, vomiting or a change in bark or meow. Eventually paralysis of the respiratory muscles can occur, and unfortunately death. Treatment is available however the success of treatment will depend on the severity of signs. That's why it's so important to keep your pet **consistently up to date with their parasite control**, avoiding any gaps in protection that could leave them vulnerable. While paralysis ticks are most active during the **warmer months**, we're now seeing cases **year-round**, making continuous protection essential for your pet's safety.

How can we make it easier?

We completely understand how hard it can be to remember to give a tablet or spot on every month or every 3 months. With that being said we're excited to now offer an annual injection that covers against fleas, brown dog ticks and importantly the paralysis tick. This is an innovative long-lasting flea and tick prevention that provides **up to 12 months of continuous protection** with just one dose. It's simple, effective, and means fewer reminders throughout the year!



If you'd like to discuss the best prevention plan for your pet, chat to one of our nurses or vets at your next visit or call the clinic for more information.

Check out our previous newsletter which goes into more details on this new injection! [🌐 Bravecto Quantum](#)

Christmas at Darling Street Cat Retreat



We know some say November is too early to be talking about Christmas... but we beg to differ! The festive season is shaping up to be one of our **busiest periods yet** at Darling Street Cat Retreat.

That being said, there is still **availability in our Classic Villas**, with **limited spots left in our Deluxe Villas**. Unsurprisingly, the **Penthouse is already fully booked** for Christmas!

Don't wait! **Contact the clinic today** to secure your cat's spot and ensure they have a relaxing, safe, and pampered vacation this holiday season.



Christmas Opening Hours



There will be some changes to our opening hours during the holiday period! Please see the changes below.



Tuesday 23rd Dec: 8am – 6pm

Wednesday 24th Dec (Christmas Day): 8am – 3pm

Thursday 25th Dec (Christmas Day): **CLOSED**

Friday 26th Dec (Boxing Day): **CLOSED**

Saturday 27th Dec: 8am – 1pm

Sunday 28th Dec: **CLOSED**

Monday 29th Dec: 8am – 6pm

Tuesday 30th Dec: 8am – 6pm

Wednesday 31st Dec (New Year's Eve): 8am – 3pm

Thursday 1st January 2026 (New Year's Day): **CLOSED**

Friday 2nd January 2026: 8am – 6pm

Saturday 3rd January 2026: 8am – 1pm

Sunday 4th January 2026: **CLOSED**

Normal operating hours will resume on the 5th of January. If you require emergency vet care when we are closed please visit or contact your closest emergency hospital.

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Happy and safe holidays from the team at Darling Street Vets!



What's been happening around the clinic?

We Celebrated Our First Birthday!

A huge thank you to everyone who helped us celebrate! We had such a lovely day seeing all our wonderful clients and their furry companions. The support we've received over the past year has been truly amazing.

As a clinic, we feel incredibly lucky to have such **brilliant pet owners** who make our jobs so rewarding. The **Balmain community** welcomed us with open arms, and we couldn't feel more grateful.



As a team, we're so excited to see what the next year has in store! We have some exciting plans for **more community involvement** within the clinic and are hoping to **host another client information night early next year**. We can't wait to share it with you!

Pet of The Month!

As many of you know, each month we love to showcase some of our brave patients who have truly shone while under our care. Here at **Darling Street Vets**, it's never easy to choose just one! If you ask our team, we'll all agree that every one of our patients deserves to be Pet of the Month!

Check out some of our recent stars below, they've certainly earned their moment in the spotlight!

October

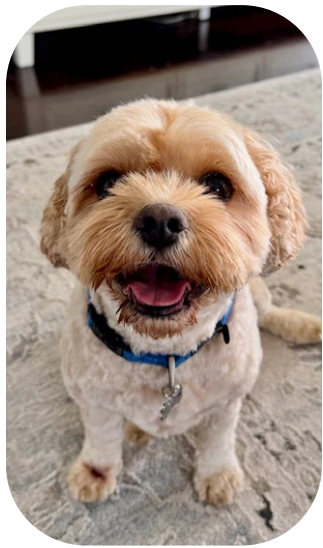


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August



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Thank you all for the continued support and we look forward to another year!

With love,

The Darling Street Vets Team x



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