

# St Bernards Buzz

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## Meet the Clinic Cats



Sumo and Freckle are the most recent additions to our team at St Bernards Road Veterinary Clinic. These two country cats have travelled all the way from RivaPetz Pet Care in Berri to start a new life as city cats. Whilst they are still familiarizing themselves with their new surroundings, living in a Vet clinic is all they have ever known and every day they are getting braver and more comfortable with their new home. Sumo is a 10-year-old tabby who used to enjoy spending her time sleeping on the Fax machine and Freckle, who considers herself to be the boss of the two, will celebrate her 10th birthday later this April. Her greatest skill was to sniff out staff meetings and then demand attention from her team members! Given a little more time to settle in you may see these two out and about in the clinic.



## Patient of the Month Charlie



Charlie came to see us when his mum noticed a large lump on his chest and since he is an indoor/outdoor cat, his mum was concerned that he was involved in a cat fight and had developed a nasty abscess. Cat fights are the most common cause of abscesses in cats and if left untreated for too long can send potentially life-threatening bacteria into the blood stream and throughout the body. Charlie was admitted to hospital where his abscess was treated by our fabulous team. Feline AIDS virus is transmitted in the saliva when cats fight, so all cats who spend outside are at risk of contracting Feline AIDS if they are bitten by another cat. It is very important that cats are vaccinated against the Feline AIDS virus to protect them against this highly infectious disease. Whilst we admire Charlie's bravery, we hope he does not get into anymore cat fights and wish him all the best on his road to recovery!

## Free Heartworm Tests!

Until the end of April 2021, we are offering FREE heartworm testing (valued at \$63) for any dog that needs a heartworm test prior to having a Proheart Heartworm injection as long as both are performed on the same day. This is a great opportunity to get your dog's heartworm prevention up to date and save some money! **Call 8364 4545 to make an appointment**



## Easter Hazards - Answers Revealed

Chocolate contains theobromine which is **toxic** to dogs

Sugar free treats can contain artificial **sweeteners** like Xylitol which is toxic to dogs

Lilies are toxic to cats and can cause **kidney failure**

Just like chocolate and onions, **alcohol** is toxic to pets

