



C.A.T. GALLERY OPENS AT TANUNDA

We've always said there's an art to being a Veterinarian, so we decided to go the whole hog and open the C.A.T. Gallery at our Tanunda Clinic.

In a joint effort between Gawler Veterinary Services and local South Australian artist Tineta Ellis, we've begun turning the front entry hall and reception area of our lovely old Tanunda Clinic building into the Contemporary Art Tanunda (CAT) Gallery – dedicated to art that explores our love of pets and animals.

Tineta, an award-winning local artist works in a range of different styles, including painted works, collage, textiles and with natural and recycled items to create 3D works.

"I love to explore colours, textures, movement and patterns," says Tineta.

"Usually I produce no more than 3 or 4 pieces in any given media and style and always have several works underway at any given time, often spanning different media".

Tineta has been exhibiting since 2016, selling her works both privately and from exhibitions, and has a private gallery in her home at Craigmore (which is open by arrangement with the artist).

She has hosted her own exhibitions as part of the South Australian Living Artists Festival for the past 3 years and is working hard to prepare for her next SALA Exhibition this August.

Having been shortlisted for the Watershed Art Prize in 2017 and 2018, and the recipient of various local art prizes and awards, Tineta is hopeful that her exhibition at our brand new CAT Gallery will help bring her work to the attention of more art lovers.

In recent months we've been on a



South Australian artist Tineta Ellis is our first exhibitor at the brand new CAT Gallery

mission to support local businesses, enterprises and community events and we're really happy to be able to team up with Tineta to present her animal themed works to the public.

A portion of all sales will be donated to Save Our Wildlife Foundation Inc (SOWFI) to help maintain a network of

experienced and dedicated wildlife carers who can respond when our wildlife is threatened – such as with the destructive bushfires we've seen this summer.

The CAT Gallery is open for viewing during the regular business hours of the Tanunda Clinic. Feel free to drop in and have a look!

GETTING THE MOST FROM YOUR DONATIONS

Australians have once again proved they are a generous lot, and the amount of money and the number of donations that organisations have received since the start of the current bushfire emergency has been overwhelming.

But how do you get bang from your donated buck, or make sure that the items you donate will make it to those in need?

Here at GVS we've found 4 ways to help you ensure you get value from your donation that we think are both very deserving and that we trust to ensure the help gets to where you want it to go.

Some tips that we have gleaned include:

1. Pick a passion: donate to something you feel strongly about
2. Make sure the charity is legitimate (you can check by visiting [Charity Navigator](#), [Guidestar](#), or [give.org](#) for more information)

3. Donate Directly: don't go through 3rd parties that may take a cut of your donation
4. Money is not the only option: while there have been calls for direct cash donations, if that isn't something you can do, you could think about giving your most valuable resource instead - time. In moments of crisis volunteers are always needed

When your hard earned money or goods, its only fair that your donation gets used effectively, and with warnings already around about scammers operating bogus charity collections, please be aware and alert and make sure your generous donations make it to the people who need your help.

If you have been thinking you'd like to help out, but are unsure where to start. Below is what we've decided to do to help the human and animal victims of the recent bushfires, maybe one of these options might suit you.

GIVIT

Who are they: Qld based organisation that specialises in ensuring donations of goods reach the people who need them

GIVIT
goods for good causes

Why Givit: Givit gained a reputation for the fantastic work they did during the Queensland floods a few years ago. While operating more in the eastern states, they can help make sure that if your donation is not needed immediately it will be stored and guaranteed to make it to someone who needs it in the future

What to donate: Givit accept good quality new and slightly used goods, which they will then pick up and organise to get to where they are needed!

FAUNA RESCUE SA

Who are they: Fauna Rescue SA is the largest rescue group in SA, and it is the group that we advise people to call when dealing with injured wildlife.



Why Fauna Rescue SA: We have often advised our clients with wildlife issues to seek the advice of Fauna Rescue, and now, in addition to their normal work they are shouldering more of the burden of dealing with bushfire victims, and need all the help they can get!

What to donate: While monetary support is always appreciated, and you can become a supporting member, our cuddly natives often need blankets, pillowcases and other such items during their recovery times.

PAUL'S PLACE

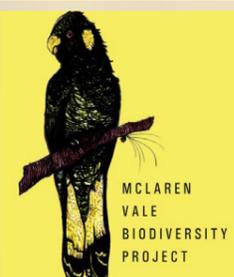
Who are they: Paul began rescuing orphaned, injured and unwanted animals over 25 years ago, and runs a successful and popular wildlife sanctuary on Kangaroo Island



Why Paul's Place: Paul has dedicated his life to helping animals, but having lost everything in the fires he now needs help himself so he can continue to care for the animals he has rescued.

What to donate: At this stage money is the best option for donating here as Paul and his family were completely wiped out in the bushfires on KI (escaping with barely more than the clothes on their back) and right now they have no way to store or use donations of goods until they get back on their feet.

Who are they: Dedicated to doubling the biodiversity of the Vale within 6 years, the MVBP has taken the lead in providing new seedlings to regrow burnt natives.



Why McLaren Vale Biodiversity Project: For recovery our native animals won't just need immediate help, but they will need a whole new habitat to develop, and the MCBP is providing huge numbers of seedlings for replanting across the south and on KI.

What to donate: Your Time! The MVBP needs people to help plant, tend, transport and transplant seedlings for regrowth. You can check out their Facebook page for more information about how you can join in.

SAVEM SENDS OUT THE NEW TENT

The recent bushfire emergency on Kangaroo Island saw the first deployment of the South Australian Veterinary Emergency Management's (SAVEM) new inflatable emergency hospital.

SAVEM is volunteer response and recovery agency staffed by veterinary professionals, that aims to assess, shelter and treat animals, whether domestic or wild, after emergency incidents.

But their previous experiences during major bushfire incidents had led them to believe they needed a different way of doing things.

During the Samson Flat fires in 2015 SAVEM volunteers deployed to the field, but were forced to wait 4 days before they could find a suitable site to operate from.

With the chaotic nature of fires, wind conditions, and the need for other services like the CFS or First Aid also requiring bases to work from, SAVEM's animal rescue team was unfortunately (but understandably) pushed down the priority list.

Enter the SAVEM Mobile Hospital, ready to make a difference in this, its first fire season.

Paid for through \$30K funding by the Hackett Foundation, a philanthropic organisation that supports the charitable endeavours of the Hackett Family, and \$43K funding from the State Government's 2017-18 Emergency Management Volunteer Support Scheme, the inflatable hospital can be set up in 15 minutes, and recieved its first test over the summer.



Above: The SAVEM team practices set up to prepare for the upcoming fire season.
Bottom Right: The SAVEM tent and trailer ready for deployment
Bottom Left and Middle Right: SAVEM volunteers began making use of the new inflatable hospital (images by Dominic Beaton, RSPCA SA courtesy of SAVEM)

One third of the inflatable hospital's space is set aside for triage, another third for administrative control and the final third is the treatment hospital.

To prepare for the fire season and their first use of the tent, SAVEM trained 2 teams of 6 veterinary professionals to set up and operate the hospital.

Animals affected by bushfires can suffer a range of different injuries. Most common is smoke inhalation, which affects all species, as well as foot or hoof burns from walking over the burning ground, while wildlife such as kangaroos often suffer broken bones colliding with fences attempting to escape from the fire.

The new inflatable hospital first provides triage, separating the more major injuries from the easier to deal with cases, performs emergency surgery and then

coordinates to dispatch animals to veterinary and wildlife volunteers for long-term rehabilitation.

Having had their first action "under fire" so to speak, over the coming months SAVEM will go through a process of assessing the effectiveness of the new hospital in light of this bushfire season, but from all initial accounts it seems that SAVEM may have just added a great new asset to its animal saving artillery.



TOUR DOWN UNDER COMES TO TOWN

Sunshine, great food, cycling and Edna enjoying the whole show!

It was great to see Tanunda so alive and vibrant as it welcomed the Santos Tour Down Under.

We joined in the fun by deploying Edna to man a "Hydration Station" for passing out water and ice blocks to visitors or pets out walking - and she was a bit of hit - attracting the attentions of passing children and adults alike.

By lunchtime Edna had retired indoors, completely patted out by dozens of passing admirers.

It really was a unique opportunity, with the race circling through the town and passing by the clinic multiple times, to see many of the riders close up and get an idea of the speeds which these guys crank their bikes up too.

It was fantastic to be a part of what turned out as such a big community event, with everyone getting out and about and enjoying the perfect weather.

We've already started thinking about what we're going to do next year!

We were also very happy to see Red Door Espresso getting some much deserved patronage. They've put their support behind some great community initiatives in the past, and their coffee is great too!



Left: The riders were slow to start but ended the race at a cracking pace. Here they are on their first lap of the circuit.
 Above: Edna manned the hydration station and impressed the passers-by.
 Above Centre: It was a beautiful day for the race, and the crowds were taking advantage of the fine weather.
 Top: It was great to see Red Door Espresso getting some well deserved patronage - they do beautiful coffee there!

THE KITTEN KABOODLE WITH HUGO



My humans were called on to perform an emergency caesarian on a struggling Mumma Cat, and you know, it was a pleasure to just sit back and watch my team work their magic!

The call came early. A ragdoll cat had been struggling all night to give birth. By now she was tired and getting weak, it was becoming dangerous for the health of the unborn kittens as well as the mother.

And it was time for my team of humans to swing into action, showing off their amazing teamwork and professionalism to bring 4 little kittens successfully into the world.

There are a few things you need to keep in mind when performing a caesarian on a cat.

Firstly, you have to use the least amount of anaesthetic drugs possible. Too much can affect the oxygen supply to the kittens, while too little will mean pain for the Mumma Cat.

Secondly, you need to remember that a caesarian is actually a major operation, and like all surgeries carries with it risks which need to be minimised to the best of the team's ability.

Finally, you need manpower. When those kittens enter the world you need people on hand to ensure they stay warm and start breathing as soon as possible.

At the time there were 2 vets and 3 nurses in the building, and they began to move quickly to prep the operating theatre and make sure everything was on hand for when Mumma Cat arrived.

As soon as she arrived my team got to work. Dr Tina and Nurse Mel gently prepared Mumma Cat for surgery before



any anaesthetic was administered, while Dr Clare and Nurse Britt prepared the operating theatre - this was going to be a touch and go operation.

Once in the theatre Dr Tina showed off her surgical skills with a delicate procedure that minimised the wound size but still allowed those lovely little kittens to make their way into the world.

One by one they came and were quickly transferred into the care of one of our nurses, who wrapped them in towels and gently rubbed their little bodies to get them breathing and keep them warm.

Oxygen was given through tiny masks when required and soon we had 4 moving, breathing and incredibly cute little kittens to re-unite with Mumma after her stitches!

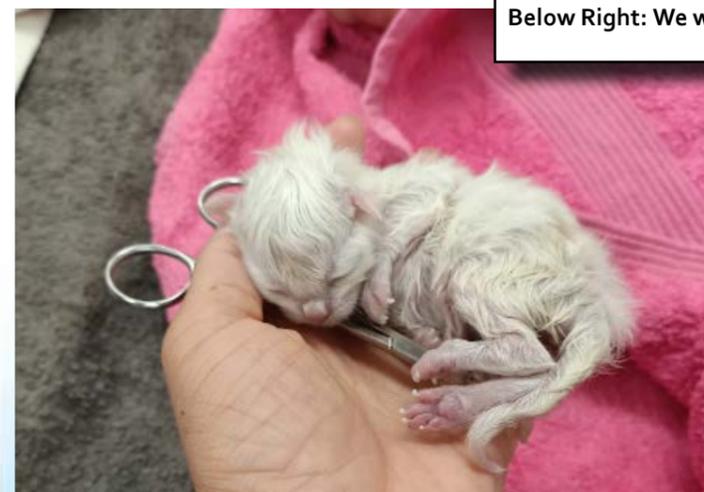
What a success!

You know my team of humans are often faced with issues that are difficult to deal with - the most common being euthanasia. For people who embarked on their chosen career with the sole idea of helping animals this can sometimes be hard.

But it is on days like this when I get to look into my team's eyes and see the joy and happiness of a job well done, of a saved Mumma Cat and 4 healthy kittens, of an occasion of celebration it feels me with a warm feline glow.

It's days like this that prove to me I've got the best, most caring, most professional group of humans as my team - and I'm not just saying that because they feed me!

Top: Nurses Mel, Britt & Holly all take a kitten each and delicately get them warm, dry and breathing
 Below Left: The kittens were so tiny they could fit in the palm of your hand
 Below Right: We were all happy when Mumma Cat was finally able to rest with her new family.



CHRISTMAS COOKIES HELP AWL



A great big thanks to our bakers and our very generous customers who have combined to make our Christmas Treat Fundraiser a great success!

Our Kitty Kookies and Peanut Butter Doghouse or Bone Biscuits just about walked out the door with so many of our wonderful customers deciding to grab a pack and help support the AWL SA.

We're happy to report that our volunteer bakers made over 50 packets of kookies and biscuits, and all were sold!

All up, and with your help, we

have managed to raise \$260 for the AWL.

While this might be a small donation in the scheme of things, it all counts, and every cent will help make the lives of abandoned or at risk animals in their care.

We are so proud of our customers, who snapped up our bakers' creations without hesitation.

We had good reports about the dog biscuits, but we may be looking at a new recipe for the kitty kookies next year!

Thank you everyone for supporting such a great cause.



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THE VETS YOUR PETS WOULD CHOOSE

OUR WEBSITE'S GETTING AN UPGRADE

Our support team has been working hard over the Christmas period to upgrade our website, making it easier to navigate and filling it with all sorts of useful information for pet owners.

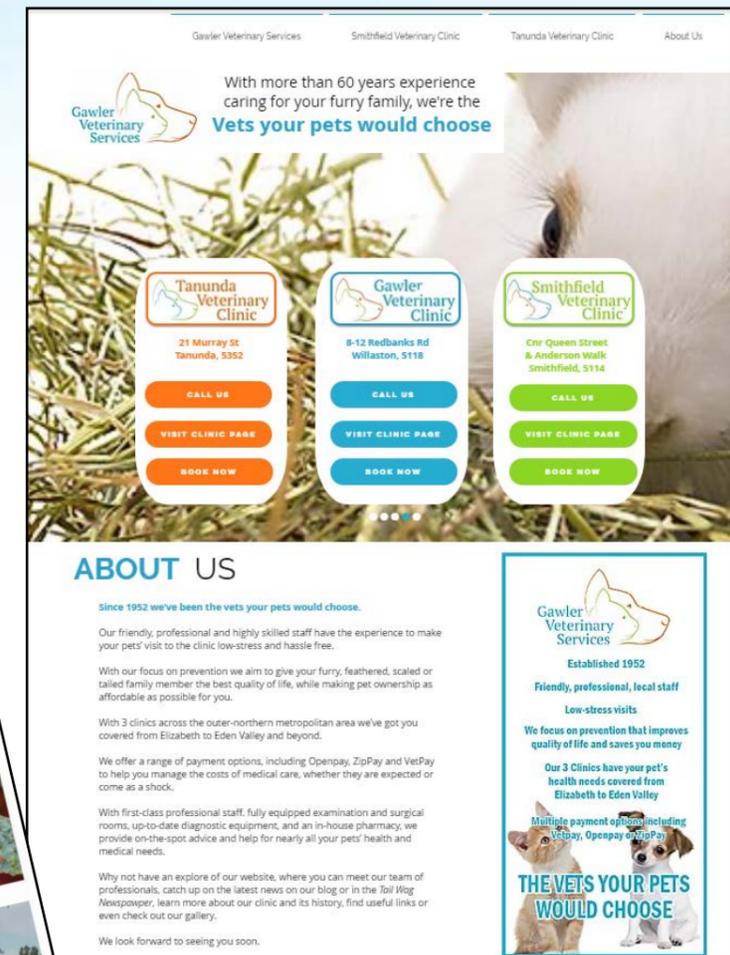
We know that we have some of the best vets and vet nurses around, and that they have a wealth of experience and knowledge to share. With our enhanced website we are planning to make their knowledge available to you.

Whether it be the latest news in the world of pets and animals, tips about pet care, pet health information or more about our clinics' services and staff.

But the main features we are about to introduce is an online booking facility - making it easier for you to book an appointment whenever it's convenient to you.

With a simple click of a button on your phone or computer you can book your appointments at the time and clinic you choose, whenever you want to!

It's all part of our drive to try and make pet ownership more affordable and easier for you, and to keep being the vets your pets would choose.



ABOUT US

Since 1952 we've been the vets your pets would choose.

Our friendly, professional and highly skilled staff have the experience to make your pet's visit to the clinic low-stress and hassle free.

With our focus on prevention we aim to give your furry, feathered, scaled or tailed family member the best quality of life, while making pet ownership as affordable as possible for you.

With 3 clinics across the outer-northern metropolitan area we've got you covered from Elizabeth to Eden Valley and beyond.

We offer a range of payment options, including Openpay, ZipPay and VetPay to help you manage the costs of medical care, whether they are expected or come as a shock.

With first-class professional staff, fully equipped examination and surgical rooms, up-to-date diagnostic equipment, and an in-house pharmacy, we provide on-the-spot advice and help for nearly all your pet's health and medical needs.

Why not have an explore of our website, where you can meet our team of professionals, catch up on the latest news on our blog or in the Tail Wag Newspaper, learn more about our clinic and its history, find useful links or even check out our gallery.

We look forward to seeing you soon.



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FAQS

Looking for a quick answer to a common question? You might find the answer here, but if not you can always give us a call or message us and we'll do our best to answer.

How much does it cost to desex my dog, or, cat, or rabbit...? The cost of a desexing procedure depends on a variety of different factors, including age, general health, and the type of procedure that you can choose to make your pet's recovery easier, faster



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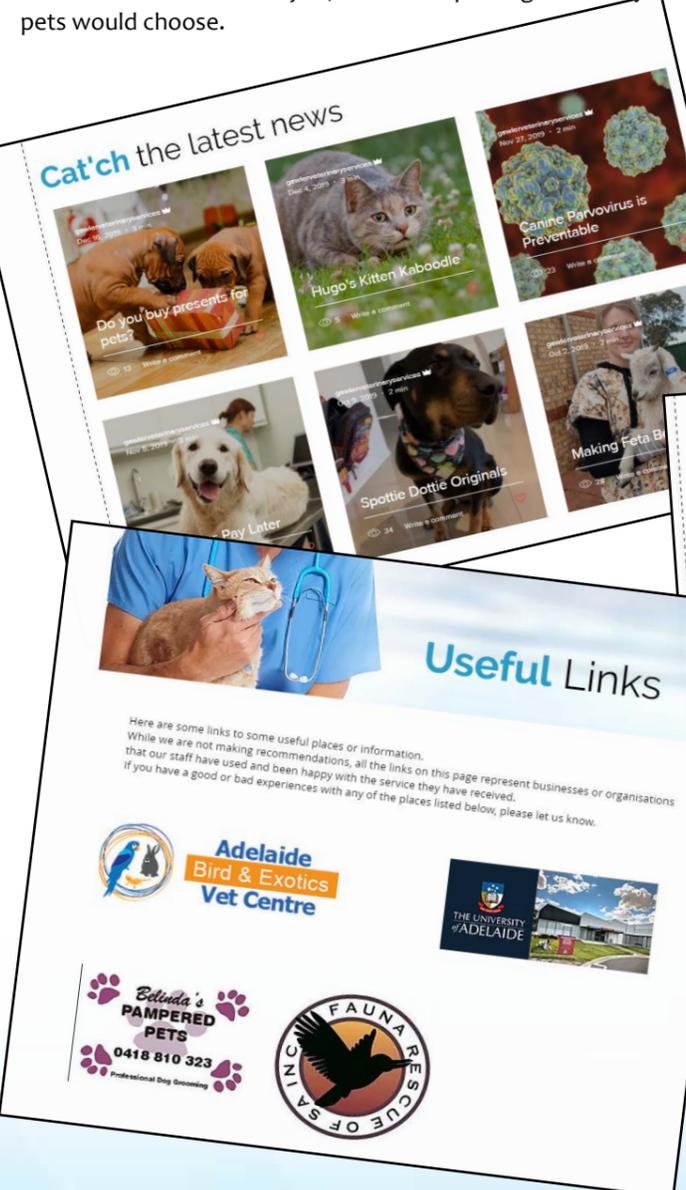
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HAVE YOU MET OUR TOOTH FURRIES?

Introducing our team of Tooth Furies!!

These friendly felines are here to remind us of the importance of dental health for all our pets.

In our clinics we often see animals with teeth in need of repair, but the costs of having surgery performed put the procedures out of reach of some owners' budgets, and unfortunately it is their pet which suffers.

The best, most affordable way to combat periodontal disease is to prevent it.

And our Tooth Furies are here to remind you that prevention is always better (and cheaper) than the cure, and this is just as much the case when it comes to your pets' dental health.

Prevention methods can be as simple as feeding your pet more dental sticks or adding mouth-cleaning additives to their water. Periodontal disease that is recognised before it becomes established can be treated with regular brushing of puss or pup's choppers.

For slightly more advanced cases a scale and clean can bring the teeth back to health and make these prevention methods effective again.

The biggest thing we can do to help eliminate periodontal disease is to make sure we can intervene before it becomes established and hard to treat.

At all our clinics you can book in for a complimentary, no-obligation dental health check, where a vet nurse can assess your pets' mouth, teeth and gums, and let you know if periodontal disease is present, how advanced it is, and what options there are for prevention or treatment.

You're under no obligation to book in for any treatments but forewarned is forearmed, as they say.

The difference between catching periodontal disease early and dealing with it after it has become established in your pet's mouth can be hundreds if not thousands of dollars, plus much less discomfort and a better quality of life for your furry mate.

Keep our Tooth Furies in mind, and keep your pets' dental health in mind.

When you see our one of our Tooth Furies, ask yourself how long it has been since your pets' last dental check, and take advantage of our complimentary service - it can only save you money and your pet discomfort!



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Meet the Tooth Furry Team
Dedicated to keeping your pets' teeth in top condition!



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A before shot of a Grade 3 Dental operation. By this stage preventative measures would be ineffective in treating the decay



After the procedure the pet's teeth have been cleaned and preventative measures can again be effective

Before and after a dental procedure. In most cases periodontal disease can be treated, but it's more comfortable, and much cheaper, to prevent it in the first place