THE MARKET / A PRICE SNAPSHOT

# Vet Cost in Christchurch

The two published vet price lists in Christchurch, desexing by weight, first-year costs, after-hours figures from reviews and 6,163 Google reviews on 19 clinic profiles. Checked on 18 November 2026.

**DAYTIME CONSULTATION**
**$85 to $86**

Northlands Animal Care Hospital $85, Vetcall Animal Hospital $86. The only two of 19 busy clinics that publish it. [1] [2]

**KITTEN'S FIRST YEAR**
**$506.50 to $549**

Two vaccinations, microchip with registration and a spay, at list prices. SEO4 estimate. [1] [2]

**AFTER-HOURS CONSULT**
**$195 to $240**

Reported in Google reviews of the After Hours Veterinary Clinic, 2019 to 2024. The clinic publishes no fees. [7]

## What the data shows

17 of 19 clinics show no consult price online. Five VetPartners clinics sell a $50-a-month wellness plan instead. Neither published list says whether GST is included. [1] [2] [3]

6,163 Google reviews: 1,005 in the last 12 months, 654 answered. 603 mention price, cost, a fee or a bill; 113 of 416 low reviews mention money, 26 of them about the after-hours clinic. [7]

**Method.** We read the clinics' websites and price pages, Google's AI Overview and every Google review on 19 Christchurch profiles. No clinic was asked for a quote. [7]

01 / PRICE LISTS

# Two published price lists

Vetcall (Linwood) and Northlands (Papanui). Neither page states GST or a date.

| Item | Vetcall | Northlands |
|---|---|---|
| Consultation | $86 | $85 |
| Revisit / nurse consult | not listed | $66 / $55 |
| Dog vaccination | $99.80 to $126 | $100 (DHP) |
| Cat vaccination | $91 to $99 | $100 (Tricat) |
| Kennel cough / Lepto | not listed | $100 / $83 |
| Microchip and registration | $83 | $69 |
| Cat spay / castration | $241.50 / $157.50 | $280 / $210 |
| Dental | free check and estimate | not listed |

Vetcall's vaccination price includes a full health check. Northlands' desexing prices are for pets under 23 months. [1] [2]

02 / DESEXING

# Dog desexing by weight

Spay and castration, by weight band. Northlands lists pain relief for dogs, about $100, as extra.

| Weight | Spay, Vetcall | Spay, Northlands | Castration, Vetcall | Castration, Northlands |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Under 10 kg | $462 | $460 | $303.90 | $345 |
| 10 to 20 kg | $487.20 | $490 | $334.30 | $360 |
| 20 to 25 kg | $487.20 | $510 | $334.30 | $390 |
| 25 to 30 kg | $524 | $510 | $364.80 | $390 |
| 30 to 35 kg | $524 | $580 | $364.80 | $427 |
| 35 to 40 kg | $560.70 | $580 | $395.90 | $427 |
| 40 to 45 kg | $560.70 | $620 | $395.90 | $500 |
| Over 45 kg | $609 | $620 | $425.50 | $500 |

| First year at list prices (SEO4 estimate) | Vetcall | Northlands |
|---|---|---|
| Kitten, female: 2 vaccinations, microchip, spay | $506.50 | $549 |
| Puppy, 15 kg female: 3 vaccinations, microchip, spay | $869.60 | about $959 |

03 / AFTER HOURS, PLANS AND RIGHTS

# The costs you don’t see first

After-hours figures come from reviews; plan and deposit figures from the clinics’ sites.

| Item | Figure | Src |
|---|---|---|
| After-hours consult, reviews 2019 to 2024 | $195 to $240 | [7] |
| Best for Pet plan (VetPartners clinics) | $50 a month, min $600 a year | [3] |
| At The Vets online booking deposit | $50, credited to the visit | [4] |
| Saturday surcharge (Shirley, Cashmere, Aldwins Road) | amount not stated | [3] |
| Dog microchip, Avonhead / CCC shelter (Wed) | $45 / free | [5] |
| SPCA Snip ’n’ Chip voucher (cats, campaigns) | $30 | [8] |

| Rule | Detail | Src |
|---|---|---|
| Estimate | Your vet should give an estimate of cost, which may vary as treatment goes on | [9] |
| Written agreement | From April 2026 vets must document the agreement to provide services | [9] |
| Estimate vs bill | Final bill generally within 10 to 15% of an estimate | [10] |
| No price agreed | The charge must be reasonable (Consumer Guarantees Act) | [10] |

04 / REVIEWS AND WHO TO CALL

# 6,163 reviews

Every Google review on 19 Christchurch vet profiles, 18 November 2026.

## Three clinics to call first

Google rating 4.8+, 150+ reviews, at least half of last year's reviews answered; ranked by new reviews.

| Clinic | Phone | Average, reviews | New (answered) |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. Takurua Vets | 03 925 9080 | 5.0, 373 | 240 (140) |
| 2. Shirley Veterinary Clinic | 03 385 6156 | 4.8, 625 | 165 (162) |
| 3. Cashmere Veterinary Clinic | 03 332 4313 | 4.8, 270 | 75 (71) |

## SEO4 Price Score

| Clinic | Score | Clinic | Score |
|---|---|---|---|
| Takurua Vets | 9/16 | West Vet | 5/16 |
| Cashmere | 9/16 | Wigram Vet | 5/16 |
| Shirley | 8/16 | McMaster & Heap | 4/16 |
| Aldwins Road | 8/16 | The Cat Vet | 4/16 |
| Harewood | 8/16 | Avonhead / Straven Road | 4/16 |
| Northlands | 8/16 | Animal and Bird / Merivale-Papanui | 3/16 |
| Ourvets St Albans / Vetcall | 7/16 | Redwood | 2/16 |
| At The Vets | 6/16 | After Hours Veterinary Clinic | 1/16 |

None of these clinics are SEO4 clients. A public snapshot from 18 November 2026, written in good faith; the score says nothing about the quality of veterinary care. [7]

05 / HOW TO PAY A FAIR PRICE

# Ask before the appointment

Vet prices only compare when you know what each one includes.

**Five questions on the phone**
How much is a standard consultation? Does the vaccination price include the health check? What does the desexing price include? Is GST included? Is there a weekend surcharge or a booking deposit?

Work out your own pet's costs with the free calculator in the full article: **seo4.co.nz/blog/vet-cost-christchurch**. Clinics that want a clearer price page can contact SEO4 at seo4.co.nz/pricing-contact.

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