



Pets In The Park (PITP) is a national charity that provides free veterinary care to pets of people experiencing homelessness.

In January 2025, PITP is opening its newest clinic in Byron Bay to support those who are living rough within the area of Ballina, Lismore, Mullumbimby, Evans Head and Northern River surrounds.

What does PITP do?

Pets In The Park is dedicated to providing professional veterinary care for the pets of people experiencing homelessness. We offer free access to preventative veterinary healthcare programs, enabling homeless individuals to care for their pets while supporting their own wellbeing.

What does PITP provide?

PITP provides services that include veterinarian consultations, parasite control (fleas, worms, ticks), vaccinations, microchipping, and treatment with approved medications. We also distribute donated pet products like food, bedding, toys, collars, and leashes where available.

How does the clinic operate?

PITP volunteer clinic coordinators organise the monthly pop-up clinic at local level where veterinary professionals donate a few hours of their time to provide essential veterinary care. Referrals from social workers are used to confirm eligibility, promoting a seamless integration of veterinary care with the clients' existing support networks.



When and where will the clinic take place?

PITP Northern Rivers will hold its clinic on the **THIRD** Sunday of every month, starting at 12:20pm until 2.30pm at Byron Community Cabin, Carlyle Street, Byron Bay. The first clinic will take place on Sunday January 19th.

Who is eligible to receive our support?

PITP provides its service to "homeless" clients, defined as those living in non-conventional accommodation or short-term emergency housing due to a lack of other options.

How does PITP determine eligibility?

That's where you come in. PITP works with local external social service organisations to accept referrals from support workers, thereby ensuring our resources reach people in acute and genuine need. Referrals must come from Specialist Homeless Service (SHS) providers or registered professional agencies and are valid for six months, ensuring eligibility is periodically assessed by trained professionals.

How to refer a client to PITP Northern Rivers

Step 1: Download & complete a [New Client Request Referral form](#)

Step 2: Email it to northernrivers@petsinthepark.org.au

Need more information?

Email PITP National Office via mail@petsinthepark.org.au or PITP Northern Rivers Clinic Coordinator via northernrivers@petsinthepark.org.au

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