

Outback Vets

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As Annabelle Brayley reveals in *Outback Vets*, no two days in the bush are alike. From sick camels to nomadic dogs, horses, cattle and kangaroos, the stakes are high. And sometimes it's the vets themselves that end up in a world of trouble. Here's just some of the drama you'll discover in the pages of *Outback Vets*.



In the dead of night – Western Australia's Pilbara region's most-loved kelpie, and the focus of a major motion picture, Red Dog arrives on vet Rick Fenney's doorstep late one night. The dog's in terrible shape – poisoned and convulsing – so Rick has to put his emotions aside and make some life-and-death decisions.

Spiritual beginnings – Filthy and exhausted after preg-testing cattle all day, Clermont vet Alan Guilfoyle is asked to pay a visit to a dying man at a nearby hospital. With the local priest on holidays, he hasn't much choice, so he swings by the church for some holy water on the way, and heads straight into the unknown...

Sick puppy – When a newly arrived Labrador puppy falls violently ill on remote Norfolk Island, Candice Snell, the island's only vet, finds a paralysis tick. With no ticks apparent on the island, and subsequently no anti-toxin, Candice has to orchestrate a mercy dash from the mainland to save the dog's life, all the while pumping the dog's ventilator bag, by hand, through the night.

Down to the wire – Hamish Brett is castrating a horse on the back lawn of a cattle-station homestead when he feels it kick. He moves fast to get the job finished before the anaesthetic wears off but fails to get it stitched up before the horse starts thrashing. Two more doses of anaesthetic down and Hamish knows it's his last shot at finishing the job before all hell breaks loose. He needs help... and fast.