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THE HABERFIELD VETERINARY HOSPITAL

Established 1975



CONSULTATION HOURS

Monday–Friday: 9:00am–12 noon; 5:00pm–8:00pm

Saturday–Sunday: 9:00am–1:00pm

NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY FOR CONSULTATIONS

Appointments are necessary for routine surgery.

OFFICE HOURS

Monday–Friday: 8:00am–8:00pm

Saturday–Sunday: 8:00am–1:00pm

LIVE-IN STAFF We have 24hr nursing care provided by our live-in staff, a group of senior vet students.

'PICK UPS' AND 'DROP OFFS' can be arranged outside office hours. Please call if you require this service.

AFTER HOURS EMERGENCIES PHONE 9798 0785

The Haberfield Veterinary Hospital is a community based fully equipped veterinary hospital, and our primary concern is animal health and welfare. Some of our services include:

- For incapacitated clients, a local **pick up and delivery service and house calls** for simple procedures that do not require hospitalisation.
- Limited **boarding facilities**, especially for animals requiring medical treatment - remember to book early for the busy holiday periods!
- **Contacts for pet minders:** we have numbers for animal minders and sometimes our nurses and vet students can help.
- **Simple pet grooms**, (not a full grooming service) designed especially for feisty furry cats and snappy little dogs that may require sedation.
- A **pensioner discount** of 10% off the cost of consultations and surgery.

August is *Dental Health Month*

Dental disease is common in dogs and is usually caused by a build up of tartar resulting in gum inflammation or gingivitis.

Left untreated, the gums will recede exposing the roots leading to infection and ultimately to tooth loss. Some dogs need to have their teeth cleaned regularly whilst others may not need this done. This depends on the chemistry in the dog's mouth as well as diet. The build-up of plaque and tartar can be minimised by regularly feeding raw bones (raw veal and chicken bones are best) and possibly by using a variety of products including special foods, toothpastes, sprays and other agents which help to reduce the amount of bacterial plaque in the mouth. Feeding your dog dry food as well as canine chews and other gnawing toys can reduce the amount of tartar accumulating on the teeth, however, once tartar has formed, professional cleaning under a general anaesthetic is necessary in order to remove it. Whilst a full anesthetic is a regular procedure, it is as well to minimise the number of times we might subject our dogs to it. It is a good idea to discuss dental hygiene for your dog with your veterinary surgeon.

PUPPY PRE-SCHOOL

Delta Society accredited dog-trainer, **Louise**, is running the puppy pre-school on **Wednesdays from 7.30pm to 8.30pm.**

Join our fun and effective puppy class.

Bookings essential. Please ring **9798 0785** to enrol now.

HABERFIELD VETERINARY HOSPITAL SUPPORTS...

The Haberfield Veterinary Hospital supports the **Commonwealth Veterinary Association (CVA)**. The CVA supports and assists veterinarians throughout the commonwealth at the grass roots level. The CVA runs a Book Program and every year over 400 veterinary books are sent free of charge from Australia and New Zealand to vets in developing countries. The CVA is also involved in Continuing Professional Development with many free online courses available for vets in Commonwealth countries. As part of the commitment to this the CVA sponsors vets from developing countries in the Commonwealth to spend time in Australia to keep up to date. Previously the Haberfield Veterinary Hospital hosted Antonino de Karma from East Timor and has just been very fortunate to have **Renee Orange** a vet from Samoa spend a week with us as part of a month long Continuing Development program where she will also spend time with a livestock vet and in a laboratory. As well as hosting vets we support the CVA in other ways. For instance we have just sent enough equipment to the tiny island of Yap for their desexing clinic. Stray dogs are a major problem in many of the Pacific Islands.



The Haberfield Veterinary Hospital supports the **Australian Veterinary Association Animal Welfare Trust**. The Trust works to improve the welfare and well being of all our animals. The Trust does this by supporting research to improve animal welfare and supporting education projects to improve animal care standards.

The Haberfield Veterinary Hospital is a long term supporter of **Vets Beyond Borders (VBB)**. The VBB is an Australian based not for profit organisation established by veterinary volunteers in 2003 which co-ordinates and runs veterinary based animal welfare and public health programmes in developing communities of the Asia and Pacific region.

PROFESSIONAL ENGAGEMENT

- We are committed to the advancement of veterinary science and are proud to be a major supporter of the Australian Companion Animals' Health Foundation (ACAHF). The ACAHF gives grants for research on small animal diseases. This vital organisation has made a significant contribution to the level of research that is carried out into the diseases that affect our pets.
- We support the Australian Veterinary Association's Animal Welfare Trust which provides grants for research into animal welfare

- We also support Vets Beyond Borders, an important organisation that provides veterinary care and seeks to improve animal welfare in the Asia Pacific region.

UNIVERSITY SUPPORT PRACTICE

- The Haberfield Veterinary Hospital provides the opportunity for Veterinary Science students from the University of Sydney to train with us.

AMERICAN INTERNS

CAPA is an American organisation that arranges for American students to travel abroad for a couple of months as part of their studies back home. We are fortunate to have an excellent relationship with them. The HVH has been hosting students for some years now and many keep in touch. It's very pleasing to see that a number have become vets.

OUR VETERINARIANS



Dr Tanya Carter Founder of the Haberfield Veterinary Hospital

After graduating in Veterinary Science from the University of Sydney, Tanya was engaged in research on marsupials. She has maintained a keen interest in wildlife disease. Tanya is a

Member by examination of the Australian and New Zealand College of Veterinary Scientists (in Animal Welfare). Tanya is past President of the Australian Veterinary Association's AVAWE (Australian Veterinarians for Animal Welfare and Ethics), serves on several Animal Ethics Committees and is a veterinary member of the NSW NCAT. Tanya was a recipient of the Belle Bruce Reid medal awarded to Australia's top 100 women vets by the University of Melbourne in 2006. She is a published author on veterinary ethics. She has four adult children.



Dr Helen Gibson has been with us for many years and is an experienced veterinarian. Mother to three beautiful girls, she is also a practising artist. Helen has a degree in Fine Arts as well as her BVSc. (You can see some of Helen's artwork on the walls of our waiting room). Helen works

regularly on Monday night, on Tuesday and Thursday during the day, and on regular Saturdays and Sundays. Helen enjoys surgery and performs our complex surgeries such as cruciate repairs.



Dr Kathy Tang has been with us since she graduated last December. Kathy has been very much a part of the Haberfield Veterinary Hospital ever since she started her university studies. She was one of our resident vet students and has worked as a casual nurse until now. We

are very proud of her academic achievements and welcome her as a new member of the professional staff.



Dr Melody Leung is a casual vet. Originally from Hong Kong, she has worked in small animal medicine in Hong Kong and Sydney since graduating as a vet from the University of Sydney. An animal lover since childhood, Melody has four adopted cats.

Dr Eric Rozitis a vet who lives locally and is now studying human medicine, helps from time to time.

STAFF AND NEWS

NURSES Megan, a full time qualified vet nurse with a degree in environmental science. Megan worked at the zoo before she joined us. She has a particular expertise with wildlife. Sisters **Rachael** and **Sam** job-share the other full-time vet nurse position. Local girls, they have a long association with the veterinary hospital. Rachael is a qualified vet nurse whilst Sam is continuing her vet nurse studies at TAFE. **Francisca** is a casual vet nurse.

RESIDENT VETERINARY STUDENTS Our resident vet students **Joyce** and **Daniella** and resident vet nurse **Sam** allow us to provide 24 hour nursing care. All our students work as casual nurses at the practice when needed. **Daniella** (below left) has a BSc (Hons) and PHD from UNE Armidale in Zoology and Physiology with research mainly on small native marsupials. She is now undertaking studies towards a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Sydney. **Joyce** (below right) was born in Malaysia, moved to



Brisbane when 10 years old, Joyce is now in the third year of her studies for Bachelor of Veterinary Biology and Doctor of Veterinary Medicine at University of Sydney.

LAW CORNER

My pet has been injured by another animal. What can I do?

Under the *Companion Animals Act* compensation can be sought if an animal is injured by a dog. This could include compensation for any veterinary bills and medications that have been required because of the injury by another animal. Special legal advice on such matters should be obtained.

Owners of dogs that have attacked or injured another animal can be found guilty of a criminal offence if the local Council decides to prosecute. Owners may, however, argue that their animal was provoked or not solely responsible for the injury.

Dogs may be seized if it is reasonable and necessary to protect any person or animal from injury. Dogs responsible for attacking or injuring can be seized by any person if the dog is on property owned or occupied by that person.

What happens if my animal goes to the pound?

Any animal that is found must be either returned to the owner or taken to the local council pound or any approved premises as soon as possible and the owner must be notified as soon as possible. A stray or injured animal can be taken to an approved premises such as the local vet. However, if the animal is not claimed within 72 hours, that premises is obliged to hand the animal to the local pound. Unclaimed or surrendered animals can be sold or destroyed by the pound after 14 days but if there is no owner or the owner cannot be identified, then the number of days is reduced to 7.