

# VETAILS

THE HABERFIELD VETERINARY HOSPITAL NEWSLETTER

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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.

## LUMPS AND BUMPS CANINE MAST CELL TUMORS (MCTs)

It is not unusual to see lumps and bumps develop on the skin of our pets. One cause can be MCTs which are the most common skin cancers in dogs – less common in cats.

Considered malignant, MCT cancer cells have the ability to spread to other parts of the body. Whilst certain breeds of dog are predisposed to MCTs, any dog can develop them. There are no hard and fast rules about what MCTs look like. They can be just about any kind of lump or bump you can imagine. So it is advisable that you have all new skin masses you find investigated by the vet who will take a fine needle aspirate for a pathologist to check. It is very important that this be done before any lump is removed because if it is a MCT, a wide margin of normal tissue around and beneath it needs to be removed in the process. And whilst MCTs can be treated with chemotherapy, radiation therapy and symptomatic treatment, surgery is usually the best first option.

## 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. 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. Tanya has just graduated with a Masters Degree in International Animal Welfare Ethics and Law from Edinburgh University. 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 in December 2015. 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 since her graduation.



**Dr Melody Leung** is our 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.



## SAM GOES TO BORNEO

Our vet nurse, Sam, has just returned from a most exciting field trip to Borneo. She was fortunate to have been one of eighteen Australian vet nurse students chosen to travel to Borneo with two TAFE teachers. Here they had the opportunity to travel on klotoks (traditional Indonesian river boats) up the Sekonyer River to study firsthand the work that is being done by WWF and others to protect the orangutans. Sam says it was the best thing she has ever experienced. She returns to her studies and to us full of vigour and enthusiasm for her chosen career.



## MATERNITY LEAVE FOR RACHAEL

Sam's sister, our vet nurse Rachael, will be taking maternity leave very shortly to prepare for the arrival of her second child. We wish her well and look forward to hearing all her good news.

