

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

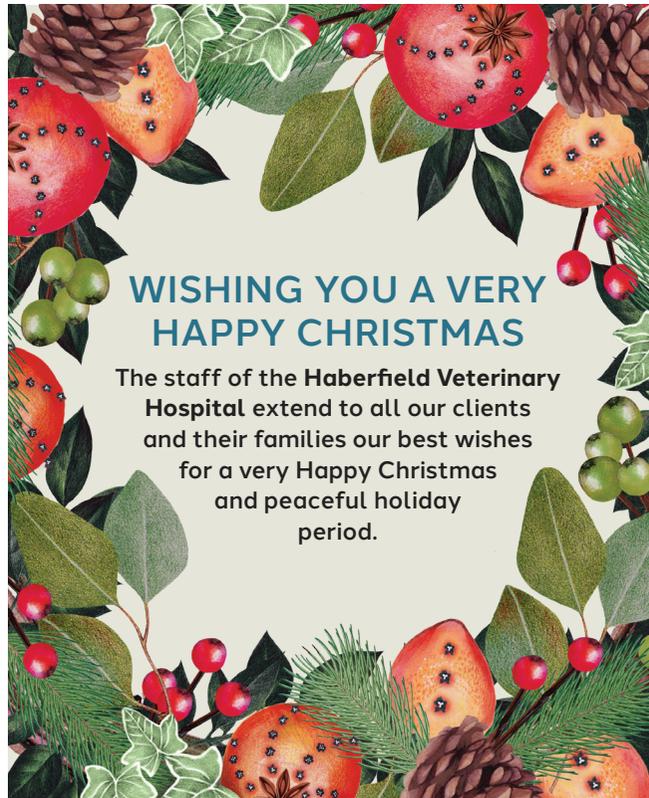
LIVE-IN STAFF We have 24hr nursing care provided by our live-in staff, a group of senior vet students.

'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.



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.

THINKING OF TRAVELLING WITH YOUR DOG IN THE HOLIDAYS?

Planning ahead will overcome many of the problems that may arise.

For even short runs in the car, it is crucial that a safety harness restrains your dog. There are a number of these products on the market and they are a sound investment in safety, not just for your dog but also for all occupants of the car.

If you intend to take your dog on a long trip that involves plane or train travel, you need to check well in advance what the requirements the plane or train companies may have. The carrier that your dog will travel in needs to provide a level of comfort for not just the length of the journey but for the time taken for transfers at each end. It must be well constructed out of durable material such as fibre-glass, wire mesh and/ or sheet metal with very secure door and catches. The size of the carrier must be a little higher than the height of the dog's head standing, twice the body width and half as long again as the body length. Put a familiar toy or blanket in the carrier. Tranquillizers are not recommended as they may wear off during the trip and your dog may become very distressed. It is advisable to familiarise your dog with the carrier long before the trip by feeding in it and by encouraging sleep in it. And don't forget to check that pets are welcome at all destinations and at stops-over on the trip before setting off.



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

We sadly say farewell to this month to **Lilia**, our latest American Intern on the CAPA program who has been with us for the past couple of months. Lilia is studying at the University of California Davis School of Veterinary Medicine. 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. Lilia, from a Mexican American family, goes home to a different country to the one she left before the USA Presidential elections. We wish her and her family find peace, prosperity and a bright future.

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

OUR NURSES are **Megan, Rachel, Sam** and **Francisca**. **Megan** is a full time qualified vet nurse with a degree in environmental science who 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. Rachel is currently on maternity leave. **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.



TICKS

Ticks thrive in areas of mild humid weather and are common in bush areas quite close to Sydney from Spring to Autumn.

The two most common ticks on dogs are the **Paralysis Tick** and the **Brown Dog Tick** with the Paralysis Tick being by far the more dangerous of the two. The initial symptoms of tick paralysis in your dog will generally be a weakness in the hind legs that will spread to all four legs. Typically, the dog's bark will change and vomiting is common. Once the muscles around the chest and throat begin to show signs of paralysis, your pet is in a very serious condition.

It is far better (and cheaper) to prevent tick paralysis than to treat it! You should check your dog every few days and most certainly after any visit to a recognised tick area.

Ticks are easier to find by feel than by looking for them.

Check by running your fingers through your pet's fur, particularly around the head and neck where most are found, but you need to check the whole body including cracks and crevices such as in the ears, under lips and even between the toes.

Remember TICKS CAN KILL!



Paralysis Tick



Brown Dog Tick

Phone us for advice on a full range of preventative measures.