

VETAILS

THE HABERFIELD VETERINARY HOSPITAL NEWSLETTER

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The Haberfield Veterinary Hospital

Established
1975



CONSULTATION HOURS

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

Saturday – Sunday: 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY FOR CONSULTATIONS

Appointments are necessary for routine surgery.

OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Friday: 8:00 am – 8:00 pm

Saturday – Sunday: 8:00 am – 1:00 pm

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.

FLEAS! FLEAS! FLEAS! FLEAS!

Autumn is the peak period of the year for fleas and therefore for flea allergies!

Fleas are the most common cause of itchy dogs and flea allergy can cause miliary dermatitis in cats. There are a number of products on the market and sometimes animals need treatment every 2 – 3 weeks instead of 4.



If an inspection of your pets skin reveals something like this, you are looking at the mess the fleas leave behind - their faeces. You need to act.

As spot-on products spread over the skin it is important to follow the directions with regard to washing and as cats are important flea carriers all cats in a household should be treated at the same time. Call us for advice.

PUPPY PRE-SCHOOL

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

Phone us for details of the next class.

Join our fun and effective puppy class.

Bookings essential. Please ring 9798 0785 to enrol now.

INFORMATION CORNER

URINARY TRACT DISEASE IN CATS

Feline Lower Urinary Tract Disease (FLUTD).

This disease is fairly common in cats and signs include: more frequent urination; straining to urinate; pain on urination; blood in the urine; and no urine produced despite straining.

One cause of urinary problems is inflammation of the lower urinary tract. If crystals and/or stones form in the urinary tract they can obstruct the passing of urine, especially in male cats. *This is an extremely dangerous condition.*

There is no single cause of urinary problems but factors that increase your cat's likelihood of developing a problem include food (high

levels of certain minerals in food), the home environment (living mainly indoors, dirty litter boxes, reduced water intake, shared litter trays), and obesity.

To help decrease the chances of your cat developing FLUTD ensure they have plenty of fresh clean water at all times placed next to the food, clean kitty litter tray (at least one per cat if more than one cat) in a quiet area away from the food and avoid over feeding to prevent obesity.

Remember to contact us immediately if your cat is showing signs of FLUTD. Straining to urinate, urinating in unusual places, not urinating freely, blood in the urine, vocalising when urinating.

Urinary blockages are life threatening.



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 past member of the Veterinary Surgeon's Board. 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,

Thursday and Friday 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 joined us now as a newly graduated full time vet. 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 & 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.

LAW CORNER

I want to bring my pet into my strata title property. What should I do?

The by-laws of each strata scheme usually contain provisions regarding the keeping of animals and can be obtained from the property strata manager. In most cases written approval of the owners corporation will be required before keeping any animal (other than fish in a secure aquarium) will be permitted. Prior written approval from the owners corporation is advisable even when by-laws are silent on the subject.

A letter providing accurate descriptions of the animal, including its breed, size, age, appearance and temperament, should be provided together with details of any obedience training the pet has undergone, as well as confirmation that the pet is registered, micro-chipped, de-sexed, vaccinated and flea and worm treated.

If approval is not given, and seemingly unreasonably withheld, the *Strata Schemes Management Act 1996 (NSW)* sets out avenues of mediation, adjudication and appeal to the Consumer, Trader and Tenancy Tribunal (CTTT) so as to resolve the dispute.

My neighbour has complained about my cat. What can I do?

A cat can be declared a nuisance under the *Companion Animals Act* if it repeatedly damages anything outside the owner's property or repeatedly interferes with the peace, comfort or convenience of a person for example, by being continuously noisy. In these circumstances, Council Offices may issue an Order to the owner to prevent the nuisance behaviour. Such Orders are in force for 6 months, and cannot be appealed or reviewed. Owners must comply with an Order or face a penalty.