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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.

## DOG/CHILD SAFETY

We recently had a dog owner tell us that their usually very placid dog had acted very aggressively with their children and they were worried he might harm them.

It is good to remember that all dogs have the potential to react when they're scared or threatened. Children under 10 should not be left alone in a room with any dog no matter how well known or well loved. Dogs need to be socialised with people and other dogs as puppies. And children need to be taught early how to be safe around dogs.

Animal behaviour is an issue that your veterinarian is always happy to advise upon. If you have any questions about this or any other concerns in relation to the safe handling of your dog in the family home, please ask us.



## 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.

## HEATSTROKE!

In these very hot days of summer, it is important to ensure that your animal is protected from heatstroke.

Heatstroke is a serious condition with a high mortality rate.

Always ensure you never leave your pet alone in a vehicle during hot weather – a common cause of heatstroke.

Ensure your pet has somewhere cool to lie and plenty of fresh water. We see cases of heatstroke where dogs have been shut in hot sheds, especially if the heat is combined with thunder storms and the animal becomes very distressed.

Ensure adequate shade in your garden for outdoor pets or a cool space inside.

Watch for excess panting and distress and remember dogs lose heat through their mouths as they can't sweat. If you suspect heatstroke, contact the vet immediately as early treatment can cure the condition.

If you suspect heatstroke, first aid at home for dogs is to put them in a cool bath completely immersed up to the neck whilst you phone the vet.



## 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.
- We support the Commonwealth Veterinary Association by hosting veterinarians from developing countries and donating veterinary equipment and instruments to veterinarians in these countries.

## 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. It is good to see so many young American students enjoying the opportunity to study and work in Australia. 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 a Master of Science 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, Sophie** and **Wen Yih** allow us to provide 24 hour nursing care. All our students work as casual nurses at the practice when needed. Farewell to **Daniella** who has moved to Camden to continue her studies. **Joyce** (below left) was born in Malaysia, moved to Brisbane when 10 years old, Joyce is now in the fourth 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 from Spring to Autumn in bush areas and even in pockets of bush in urban areas.

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.