



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.

DOES YOUR CAT HAVE TOILETING PROBLEMS?

(An extract from an AVA pamphlet. Ask at the counter for a copy of the full pamphlet).

Going to the toilet is very natural, but for your cat there's more to it than you might think. Cat's urine and faeces carry information that is important for communication with other cats, and cats think we understand this information too!

When your cat rubs its cheek against your leg, it is smearing you with pheromones. These natural chemical messengers transmit information to other cats. Urine and faeces also contain pheromones which transmit information about the cat, its health and its home territory.

Saying "I was here" increases your cat's personal security, is calming and sends information to any visiting cats or other feline residents.



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.

COMMON LITTER TRAY PROBLEMS AND WHAT THEY MEAN

Marking or spraying: This is a cat's way of communicating and involves depositing small volumes of urine on vertical objects of importance to the cat, such as doors, curtains or walls. The cat will back up to the area, may tread up and down with its back legs and its tail may quiver. Often they advertise like a billboard – the more traffic the better! It is most common in male cats that haven't been desexed. Desexing will reduce the behavior by up to 90%.

Anything that makes a cat anxious about its territory may also lead to spraying including other cats in the house, neighbouring cats entering the backyard, visitors and changes in your routine.

Not using the litter tray: If the tray is not clean, is poorly located or has litter the cat does not like, the tray may be ignored and toileting occur where you may not appreciate it.

Make the toilet more attractive:

- **Give your cat a choice of litter types** to work out which one it prefers. Sand-like, finely granular, clumping and non-perfumed litter is usually the most preferred.
- **Cats are clean creatures.** Scoop litter daily and wash and completely replenish the tray weekly. Do not use bleaches or disinfectants to clean the litter tray as they smell too strong for the cat.
- **Test different types of trays** and make sure it's big enough and the sides are low enough for your cat to easily get in and out of – a rule of thumb is a litter tray that is 1½ times the length of your cat.
- **Consider increasing the litter depth.** Studies suggest 3cm is a good minimum depth to use.

Access and location are important. If you have more than one cat, you need one tray per cat plus one extra in different locations (that is not side by side). They also like their privacy so locate the tray in a quiet area of the house.

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.



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 We sadly bid farewell to vet nurse **Megan** who has now found a job closer to home in Gosford. Megan has been a valued member of staff for a number of years and we will miss her.

Qualified vet nurse **Rachael** who has been with us for some years returns from maternity leave next month and will be working part time. Rachael's sister **Sam** works full-time and is continuing her vet nurse studies at TAFE.

Francesca 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. 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 the University of Sydney.



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. 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.

Is your animal up to date with vaccinations?

There has been an outbreak of feline parvovirus in Sydney as well as outbreaks of feline calicivirus. As well there has an outbreak of parvovirus in dogs. It's important to ensure your puppy or kitten has a 16 week vaccination and that adult animals are up to date with vaccinations.

HOW TO REGISTER YOUR CAT OR DOG

Register your cat or dog online and give them the best chance of being returned home. Take a few simple steps to make sure your pet's registration is up to date.

You now have access to the NSW Pet Registry to register your pet, update your contact details, report your pet missing, transfer ownership and pay most lifetime registration fees from your computer or mobile device.

www.petregistry.nsw.gov.au

It's a requirement in NSW for all cats and dogs to be microchipped and placed on the NSW Pet Registry by the time they reach 12 weeks of age, or prior to sale, whichever comes first.