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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.

## August is Dental Health Month

Dental disease is common in dogs and is usually caused by a build up of tartar resulting in gum inflammation or gingivitis.

Left untreated, the gums will recede exposing the roots leading to infection and ultimately to tooth loss. Some dogs need to have their teeth cleaned regularly whilst others may not need this done. This depends on the chemistry in the dog's mouth as well as diet. The build-up of plaque and tartar can be minimised by regularly feeding raw bones (raw veal and chicken bones are best) and possibly by using a variety of products including special foods, toothpastes, sprays and other agents which help to reduce the amount of bacterial plaque in the mouth. Feeding your dog dry food as well as canine chews and other gnawing toys can reduce the amount of tartar accumulating on the teeth, however, once tartar has formed, professional cleaning under a general anaesthetic is necessary in order to remove it. Whilst a full anesthetic is a regular procedure, it is as well to minimise the number of times we might subject our dogs to it. It is a good idea to discuss dental hygiene for your dog with your veterinary surgeon.

## PUPPY PRE-SCHOOL

Delta Society accredited dog-trainer, **Louise**, is running the puppy pre-school.

*Join our fun and effective puppy class.*

Bookings essential. Please ring **9798 0785** to enrol now.

## INFORMATION CORNER PREVENTING DOG BITES

*Advice from the  
Australian Veterinary Association*

The best way to prevent dog bites is to make sure your dog is well socialised and trained from puppyhood onwards.

Anxious dogs are more likely to bite, so recognising anxiety will give you early warning that your dog is uncomfortable and might bite.

Never leave children under 10 unsupervised with any dog, even the family pet, and teach all children the basics of dog safety.

Even the friendliest dog can react if it's scared or feels threatened.

### WHAT KIDS NEED TO KNOW ABOUT DOGS:

- Leave dogs alone when they are eating or are near their food.
- Don't grab or cuddle a dog around the neck, as this can frighten it.
- Don't surprise a sleeping dog.
- Always ask the owner before you pat their dog.
- Don't enter a strange dog's yard without the owner being present.
- Don't play with any dog unless the owner is watching.
- Don't play with a dog with a litter of puppies, especially while the mother is still feeding them.
- Take care not to get dogs over-excited when you play with them.

## “Love is Blind”

RSPCA Australia and the Australian Veterinary Association are calling for a fundamental shift in the way purebred dogs are selected and bred in Australia. Go to [www.loveisblind.org.au](http://www.loveisblind.org.au) for more information and please express your support to help create a healthier future for these dogs.



Love will find a way.

## 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.

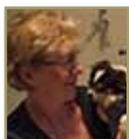
## UNIVERSITY SUPPORT PRACTICE

- 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 President elect 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** Qualified vet nurse **Rachael** (right) has re-joined the team after bringing William Joseph into the world and being away on maternity leave with him. We welcome her back. She will be working part time for a while. Rachael's vet nurse sister **Sam** is working full time whilst **Francesca** is our casual vet nurse.



**RESIDENT VETERINARY STUDENTS** Our resident vet students **Joyce**, **Sophie** and **Genevieve** allow us to provide 24 hour nursing care. **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. **Sophie** (below centre) is a vet student, originally from Queensland, where she previously completed a degree in journalism and public relations. She has always loved being surrounded by animals, and she hopes to one day work in emergency and critical care. **Genevieve** (below right) is an international student hailing from Boston, USA, and is currently in her second year of the Bachelor of Veterinary Biology and Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree at the University of Sydney. She is especially interested in wildlife medicine, but loves all animals big and small!



## LAW CORNER

### My pet has been injured by another animal. What can I do?

Under the *Companion Animals Act* compensation can be sought if an animal is injured by a dog. This could include compensation for any veterinary bills and medications that have been required because of the injury by another animal. Special legal advice on such matters should be obtained.

Owners of dogs that have attacked or injured another animal can be found guilty of a criminal offence if the local Council decides to prosecute. Owners may, however, argue that their animal was provoked or not solely responsible for the injury.

Dogs may be seized if it is reasonable and necessary to protect any person or animal from injury. Dogs responsible for attacking or injuring can be seized by any person if the dog is on property owned or occupied by that person.

### What happens if my animal goes to the pound?

Any animal that is found must be either returned to the owner or taken to the local council pound or any approved premises as soon as possible and the owner must be notified as soon as possible. A stray or injured animal can be taken to an approved premises such as the local vet. However, if the animal is not claimed within 72 hours, that premises is obliged to hand the animal to the local pound. Unclaimed or surrendered animals can be sold or destroyed by the pound after 14 days but if there is no owner or the owner cannot be identified, then the number of days is reduced to 7.