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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.

TRANSPORTING PETS

It is important that when you bring your pets to the vet that you bring your dog on a lead and your cat confined in a cage so that you are able to keep them under control during your visit.

A frightened or flighty pet can very easily get into trouble.

If you don't have a cat carry cage – just borrow one of ours. And don't forget that cats will often travel quite well in a pillowslip or similar cloth bag in lieu of a cage.



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.

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.

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 AND 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.