



### 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.

## PREVENTING DOG BITES

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.



## 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.

## CHOCOLATE

Dogs love chocolate and we are frequently asked what to do when the family pet has managed to consume chocolate. Maybe it's just a Kit Kat or a box of expensive dark chocolate.

Chocolate contains theobromine and toxic effects in dogs occur at theobromine doses of 20mg/kg with severe signs at 40-50 mg/kg and seizures at 60mg/kg. Humans easily metabolise theobromine but dogs process it slowly allowing it to build up to toxic levels. Large amounts can cause muscle tremors, an irregular heartbeat, hyperactivity, internal bleeding and heart attack.

**It is recommended that dogs are treated if they have ingested more than 3.5g/kg for dark chocolate and more than 14g/kg for milk chocolate. White chocolate is very low in theobromine and is not likely to cause theobromine toxicity.**

It is also worth noting that the amount of theobromine in products varies due to natural differences in cocoa beans and the formulation of products and that there may be some genetic susceptibility to theobromine toxicity in some dogs. The good news is that although chocolate can make dogs unwell it's very rarely fatal.

If you think your dog has indulged on excess amounts of chocolate please contact us. If the ingestion is within two hours we can give your dog something to make it vomit. If it's more than two hours and your dog is exhibiting signs of toxicity then supportive care such as IV fluids may be necessary.



## PROFESSIONAL ENGAGEMENT

- The HVH is a supporter of The Australian Companion Animal Health Foundation (ACAHF). The ACAHF gives grants for research on small animal diseases.
- We support Pets in the Park, an organisation that provides free veterinary care to the pets of homeless people.
- 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. [www.vetsbeyondborders.org](http://www.vetsbeyondborders.org)
- 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

Tanya, a Member by examination of the Australian and New Zealand College of Veterinary Scientists in Animal Welfare, is the immediate past president of the ANZCVS Animal Welfare Chapter. She is

President of the Australian Veterinary Association's AVAWE (Australian Veterinarians for Animal Welfare and Ethics), and Chair of the AVA's Animal Welfare Trust that distributes funds for research into animal welfare. She 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.

We are pleased to have casual veterinarians **Dr Tom Gillard**, who is undertaking a PhD on bee diseases, **Dr Wen Jin Shih** and **Dr Eunice Suen**, who was one of our resident students work from time to time.

## STAFF AND NEWS

**OUR NURSES** Full time vet nurse **Lizzie** (below left) is a qualified veterinary nurse. Vet nurse **Amy** (below centre) is studying Vet nursing at TAFE. Long term nurse **Rachael** (below right) commutes from Canberra to work on a casual basis.



**RESIDENT VETERINARY STUDENTS** Our resident vet students are **Zi, Jamie** and **Martina**.



Zi is currently in her third year of the Bachelor of Veterinary Biology/Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree at the University of Sydney. A relationship she had with a dog in her childhood compelled her to consider a career working with animals. Zi likes the diversity and problem-solving nature of the field and hopes to improve the well-being of both people and animals during her career. In her free time, Zi likes to go scuba diving to see wildlife in the underwater world.

Jamie wanted to explore what she could do for the animals who live in the same planet with us, which drove her into the vet degree. Jamie is always fascinated by how individual animals exist in their unique way. Apart from studying, she enjoys boxing, painting and video games!



We welcome Martina who is in her second year of the BVB/DVM. We also welcome **Melissa**, an animal science student from the USA who is undertaking an internship with us whilst undertaking a semester's study at the University of Sydney.

## TICKS

**Ticks thrive in areas of mild humid weather and are common in bush areas quite close to Sydney from Spring to Autumn.**

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.