

# VETAILS

THE HABERFIELD VETERINARY HOSPITAL NEWSLETTER

MAY–JUNE 2021

## 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.

53–55 Ramsay Street, Haberfield 2045  
(near corner of Marion St.)

**Phone:** 9798 0785  
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[www.haberfieldvet.com](http://www.haberfieldvet.com)

## THE HABERFIELD VETERINARY HOSPITAL

Established 1975

## LEPTOSPIROSIS IN SYDNEY

There have been some confirmed cases of leptospirosis in dogs in inner Sydney (Surry Hills, Glebe, Darlinghurst, Annandale and Balmain). The University of Sydney School of Veterinary Science is continuing to investigate cases.

Leptospirosis is an uncommon disease in dogs in Australia and in the recent outbreak all the dogs were severely affected and died. It is also a zoonotic disease so people are at risk of catching the disease. This can occur through exposure to contaminated water or direct transmission.

Infection with leptospirosis often occurs through exposure of animals to contaminated water sources, soil and food. Leptospires can survive for months in suitable environmental conditions which include stagnant/slow moving warm water. The reservoir hosts for the disease in the urban environment are most often rats and mice and it is likely that the rodent population of Sydney is endemically infected.

Clinical signs of the disease vary from no overt clinical signs to life threatening illness.

Vaccination is available and is recommended for dogs in the inner city who would be exposed to stagnant/pooled water or rodent populations. Initial vaccinations are given 2–4 weeks apart then a booster in a year.



## 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.



## PROFESSIONAL ENGAGEMENT

- We support Pets in the Park, an organisation that provides free veterinary care to the pets of homeless people. [www.petsinthepark.org.au](http://www.petsinthepark.org.au)
- 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)

## 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, a Fellow of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons. 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 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.

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. **Amy** (below centre) is a qualified vet nurse. Long term nurse **Rachael** (below right) commutes from Canberra to work on a casual basis.



**RESIDENT VETERINARY STUDENTS** Our resident vet students are **Ruby**, **Natalie** and **Jessie**. Ruby (below left) has loved animals since she was a kid and is currently studying to be a vet. She has a lovely Labradoodle called Marco and a guinea pig called Quinn. Natalie (below centre) grew up in a household that didn't allow pets but her passion for animals cultivated after developing a bond with a calf named Neville during the stressful times of the HSC! She is intrigued by the way different animals behave and communicate to humans. Jessie (below right) is currently at the University of Sydney, studying animal and veterinary bioscience. An animal's loyalty and love gives her a sense of security and passion which motivates her to want to help them live the best life that they can.



## FLEAS!

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.

## GOVERNMENT DOG AND CAT REGISTRATION FEES AND ANNUAL PERMIT REQUIREMENTS.

[www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/companion-animals](http://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/companion-animals)

**CATS:** Owners of cats not desexed by 4 months of age are required to pay an \$80.00 annual permit in addition to their one-off lifetime pet registration fee. Exemptions:

- 1 Cats registered by 1 July 2020
- 2 Cats kept for breeding purposes by members of recognised breeding bodies.
- 3 Cats that cannot be desexed. A veterinary certificate is required. The vet can update the desexing information and exemption directly onto the NSW Pet Registry. This needs to be done before the cat reaches 4 months of age.

**DOGS:** Owners of dogs of a restricted breed or declared to be a dangerous dog will be required to pay an annual permit of \$195.00 in addition to their one-off pet registration fee with NO exemptions.

By law, lifetime registration for dogs is due by 6 months of age. If you desex your dog before this time you may be eligible for discounted fees at the time of registration. Vets can provide exemptions to desexing. It is not compulsory to desex your dog.

The NSW Government is in the process of building a new Pet Registry which will allow pet owners to register cats and dogs, update contact details, report missing pets, transfer and pay lifetime registration fees.

[www.petregistry.nsw.gov.au](http://www.petregistry.nsw.gov.au)

