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www.haberfieldvet.com

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.

NSW GOVERNMENT NEW DOG AND CAT REGISTRATION FEES AND ANNUAL PERMIT REQUIREMENTS.

www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/companion-animals

CATS: Owners of cats not desexed by 4 months of age will be 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.



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 find out more information.

COVID-19 INFORMATION

Veterinarians have been classified by the Government as essential service providers and we remain open with our usual hours. **HOWEVER, PLEASE PHONE AHEAD BEFORE COMING IN to avoid a wait. Call 9798 0785 or 9799 2258.**

Please pick up any special orders between 12 noon and 5pm weekdays. We can post you any scripts that have been requested.

We would be grateful if you could take careful note of the following:

- The hospital is anti-viral cleaned regularly to prevent the spread of COVID-19.
- During consultations, to minimise any spread, all doors and windows are open so please make sure your dog is on a lead and your cat in a secure basket.
- Keep a safe distance from other clients at all times. Feel free to wait outside until called.
- You may be asked to allow the vet nurse to hold your animal for examination.
- It is best for just one pet owner to come to the hospital to avoid a crowd.
- We are always happy to give any advice over the phone and you can email us haberfieldvet@yahoo.com.au
- We regret to inform you that we can't offer house calls or a pick-up and delivery service at this time.

What do I do if I am in quarantine or self-isolation and my pet is unwell?

If you are in quarantine, do not break quarantine to take your pet to the veterinarian even if your pet is unwell. By doing this you will put your veterinarian and staff at risk of infection. Ring your veterinary surgery first and ask for advice. If your pet needs to be seen, your veterinarian will be able to work with you to ensure your pet will receive the care they need, while keeping themselves and their staff safe from COVID-19 infection.

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. 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
- 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.

SELLING OR GIVING AWAY A CAT OR DOG?

If you are involved in buying, selling, rehoming or adopting kittens, cats, puppies or dogs, there are specific changes you need to be aware of. From 1 July 2019, you will need to include an identification number in any advertisements. The identification number can be either:

- a microchip number
- a breeder identification number, OR
- a rehoming organisation number

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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 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. Congratulations to **Amy** (below centre) who has just finished her Vet nursing studies 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** 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.

Martina is currently studying in her second year of the BVB/DVM. She's always been passionate about animals and providing the best care for them; especially given their inability to communicate any issues or pain they may be feeling. She would like to be their 'voice' and help give them the best possible assistance needed. What Martina loves about the field is just seeing how deep and intertwined the human and animal relationship can be, and how important that connection is for physical and mental health. In her free time she's usually on the field playing quidditch, or in a studio, dancing.



LEPTOSPIROSIS

There have so far been some confirmed cases of leptospirosis in Sydney (including Balmain, Newtown, Paddington, Surry Hills, Glebe, Darlinghurst and Crows Nest). It is currently recommended that dogs in the inner city are vaccinated and access to rats and stagnant water should be avoided.

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. Leptospire 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.

