

FUTURE VET Kids CAMP



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Kookaburras age 12–14 JANUARY 8-12 & 15-19, 2018

TIME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
8:30-9:00	Drop-off/attendance	Drop-off/attendance	Drop-off/attendance	Drop-off/attendance	Drop-off/attendance
9:00-9:30	General Orientation & Introductions	Tour of Balmain Veterinary Hospital	Feature Creatures: Snakes, Reptiles & Wildlife	Hobby Farm Visit <i>(horses, alpacas & macaws)</i>	Grooming Demo
9:30-10:30	Greyhound Rescue & K9 Physical Exam	↓	↓	↓	↓
10:30-11:30	Idiosyncrasies of Greyhounds	↓		↓	RSPCA Yagoona
11:30-12:15	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓
12:15-1:00	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH
1:00-2:00	All About Blood (prep for case studies)	Blood Draw Workshop	K9 Breed Identification	↓	Ben Dessen: Orangutans of Borneo & reptile husbandry
2:00-2:15	Afternoon Break	Afternoon Break	Afternoon Break	Afternoon Break	Afternoon Break
2:15-3:30	Animal Behaviour	Suture Workshop	Equine Medicine	↓	↓
3:30-4:00	Pick-up/sign-out	Pick-up/sign-out	Pick-up/sign-out	Pick-up/sign-out	Camp Graduation <i>*beginning at 3pm</i>

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*Following is a rundown of each day's proposed activities.
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MONDAY:

8:30-9:00: The kids arrive at Camp Headquarters on their first day and are welcomed by our friendly and enthusiastic group of Camp Instructors. Each child must be signed in by the guardian dropping them off and signed copies of registration documents need to be submitted to administrative personnel at this time. Please note, for obvious security reasons, children will only be released to the guardian that dropped them off unless otherwise notified.

9:30-10:30: After a brief orientation our Kookaburras will be treated to a visit from the GREY HOUND RESCUE organisation and get some hands on time with this gentle, handsome breed. The kids will learn all about this specific breed and the benefits of adopting from rescue groups in general. In the second half of this session, Dr. Scott Bainbridge will perform a basic K9 PHYSICAL EXAM and show the kids what to look for in this fundamentally important first diagnostic step.

10:30-12:15: Dr. Scott will now lead the group in an interactive presentation on DISEASES AFFECTING GREYHOUNDS. This breed has some very unique idiosyncrasies when it comes to their health, even their blood work is unique amongst K9's!

12:15-1:00: Lunch time! Kids are responsible for bringing their own "peanut free" lunch and drink. Our Instructors will continue to supervise the children throughout the lunch period.

1:00-2:00: What can be learned from the blood and what do the various types of red and white blood cells look like under the microscope? Following lunch the Kookaburras will be taught the basics of blood work in preparation for the many fascinating case studies ahead of them this week.

2:15-3:30: This morning we are joined by an experienced ANIMAL TRAINER/BEHAVIOURIST. Whether it be a pet suffering from anxiety, a surrendered dog in a shelter with aggression issues, or cat who suddenly starts exhibiting "undesirable" bathroom habits; behaviourists can help individuals and professionals alike to understand pets and solve behaviour problems that may arise. Our Kookaburras are sure to learn a lot about what makes animals tick and how and why to address animal behaviour issues from this informative session.

3:30-4:00: Time permitting, Campers will have the opportunity to add the day's memories and impressions to their camp supplied notebooks while reliving the day's experiences through discussion and interactive Q&A lead by their Instructors before being signed out by their parent or guardian.

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TUESDAY:

8:30-9:00: The kids arrive at Camp Headquarters, attendance is taken and the day's activities are explained. Please note that for security reasons, each child must be signed in by the guardian dropping them off unless we have been notified otherwise.

9:00-12:15: This morning, the Kookaburras are off on an excursion to BALMAIN ANIMAL HOSPITAL where they will get a behind the scenes tour of this dynamic hospital including its surgery theatre and cattery and learn from hospital staff about the ins and outs of small animal medicine and the running of a purpose built facility like Balmain.

12:15-1:00: Lunch time! As always, kids are responsible for bringing their own "peanut free" lunch and drink. Our Instructors will continue to supervise the kids over the lunch period.

1:00-2:00: After lunch the Kookaburras will be taught how to draw blood and practice their technique on artificial dog veins during the BLOOD DRAW WORKSHOP.

2:15-3:30: After the break we will go over the basics of suturing to kick off the SUTURING WORKSHOP. The lesson explores the various types of suture material, their uses and the various suture patterns. Following this, the kids will try their hand at suturing up a "Dasie". *Dasies* are non-animal surgical models used in veterinary teaching institutions world-wide.

3:30-4:00: Time permitting, Campers will have the opportunity to add the day's memories and impressions to their camp supplied notebooks while reliving the day's experiences through discussion and interactive Q&A lead by their Instructors before being signed out by their parent or guardian.

WEDNESDAY:

8:30-9:00: The kids arrive at Camp Headquarters, attendance is taken and the day's activities are explained. As always, each child must be signed in by the guardian dropping them off unless we have been notified otherwise.

9:00-12:15: First on the agenda this morning REPTILES, INSECTS & WILDLIFE as we are joined by specialized animal handler Jacki Salkeld and her *Feature Creatures!* This informative, hands-on session exposes the children to a vast collection of creatures. Jacki's travelling menagerie of animals includes lizards, snakes, insects, turtles, frogs, crocodiles, bats, birds and much, much more!

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12:15-1:00: Lunch time! Kids are responsible for bringing their own “peanut free” lunch and drink. Our Instructors will continue to supervise the kids over the lunch period.

1:00-2:00: Being able to correctly identify breeds is essential for veterinarians, vet nurses, animal control officers, dog trainers, behaviourists or anyone whose job it is to know and understand canines. Following lunch, the Kookaburras will receive a visit from Diana Fenton. Diana is internationally licensed to judge all breeds and teaches Canine Breed Identification for Dogs NSW. Our Kookaburras are sure to learn heaps from such an expert!

2:15-3:30: Now it’s time for the Kookaburras to do a little horsing around! Under the supervision of practicing equine veterinarian, Dr. Thomas Bayes from Randwick Equine Centre, we will explore the care and maintenance of horses including a basic physical exam.

3:30-4:00: Parents or guardians are welcome to pick-up their child anytime between 3:30 and 4:00 each day. Please be sure to sign them out with one of our friendly staff members.

THURSDAY:

8:30-9:00: The kids arrive at Camp Headquarters, attendance is taken and the day’s activities are explained. As always, each child must be signed in by the guardian dropping them off unless we have been notified otherwise.

9:00-2:30: FARM ANIMALS & EXOTICS: We have a special day in store for our Kookaburras as they travel by private coach to Bayview where they will spend the day getting up close and personal with the many animals that inhabit the McCallum Homestead & Hobby Farm. An accomplished horse trainer, Samantha McCallum has had horses all her life. She has a keen interest in natural horsemanship as well as hacking, dressage, hunter under saddle and western pleasure. Sam will walk our group through a training session and basic equine husbandry. We’ll also tour the cattery, learn how Sam got involved with fostering Hyacinth (Blue) Macaws and the farm’s local veterinarian will perform a physical exam on one of the resident alpacas.

2:30-4:00: Campers return to Headquarters where, time permitting, they are free to add today’s memories and impressions to their notebooks before being signed out by their caregiver.

FRIDAY:

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9:15-10:15: Sure, brushing your pet's hair and cleaning his teeth regularly will help him look his best, but it's also important for his health. GROOMING provides a chance to go over your pet's coat with a fine-tooth comb—or brush—to help keep track of subtle changes in their skin. What's more, regular nail clippings and teeth cleanings can prevent a number of unpleasant health problems. An experienced groomer will be by to perform a live demo and explain the importance of regular grooming to our pets' overall health and wellness.

10:30-12:15: Next our Campers receive a visit from officers from the RSPCA Yagoona. As Australia's pre-eminent animal welfare organization, the RSPCA provides a strong voice for animals experiencing cruelty and neglect. The RSPCA is committed to the care and welfare of animals. RSPCA NSW works with local councils, state and federal governments and other interested groups including community organizations, wildlife authorities, farmers and professional associations, to ensure the rights of animals are upheld. RSPCA officers will deliver an informative and interactive presentation on animal welfare and the important work being done by RSPCA staff and supporters.

12:15-1:00: Lunch time! As always, kids are responsible for bringing their own "peanut free" lunch and drink.

1:00-2:30: Later this afternoon we are joined by our good friend, Ben Dessen. Ben has been caring for, learning about and working with snakes, reptiles and amphibians for over half his lifetime. He was also one of 11 driven, adventurous young people, who spent 100 days in the jungles of Borneo in an effort to help save the rainforest and give hope to endangered orangutans. Ben will lead a talk on reptiles and share with his experiences as a wildlife conservationist in Borneo. Through awareness and understanding, Ben is helping people gain a better appreciation of all animals and the vital role that each and every one of us plays in ensuring their survival. This is sure to be a memorable experience for our Kookaburras!

2:45-4:00: All good things must come to an end and so now is the time to wrap up the week and say our Goodbyes! Parents are welcome to join us at Camp HQ for our graduation ceremony and a few parting words from a couple of inspirational guests. Along with their keepsake notebooks full of memories, each child will receive a certificate of participation to commemorate their experience with us at FUTURE VET KIDS CAMP.

We hope your kids have enjoyed their week with us. Please check out our website for upcoming camp sessions and exciting new programming.

Thanks from all of us here at FUTURE VET KIDS CAMP!