

FUTURE VET Kids CAMP

for the aspiring veterinarian in your child

Wombats age 9-11 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	Hands on with Cats & Kittens	Featherdale Wildlife Centre	Guess the Breed & Breed Specific Diseases	Calmsley Hill: The Farm in the City	RSPCA Yagoona
9:30-10:30	K9 Nutrition & Baking Dog Treats	↓	↓	↓	Pet 1 st Aid & CPR
10:30-11:30	↓	↓	Training & Behaviour 101	↓	↓
11:30-12:15	↓	↓	↓	↓	
12:15-1:00	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH
1:00-2:00	Pet Education & Safety	↓	Feature Creatures: Snakes, Lizards & Creepy Crawlies!	↓	Clinic on Wheels!
2:00-2:15	Afternoon Break	Afternoon Break	Afternoon Break	Afternoon Break	Afternoon Break
2:15-3:30	↓	↓	↓	↓	Animal Trivia
3:30-4:00	Pick-up/sign-out	Pick-up/sign-out	Pick-up/sign-out	Pick-up/sign-out	Camp Graduation *beginning at 3pm

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

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MONDAY:

8:30-9:00: The children 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.

9:00-10:30: Camp is officially in session! After a brief orientation the Wombats will get up close and personal with some feline friends. HANDS ON WITH CATS & KITTENS is just that! Rescue groups help homeless, abandoned and neglected pets find permanent loving care. Forever Home Pet Rescue will be on hand with their latest litter of friendly felines all looking for a lap to call their own and what better way to socialize these little guys than at a camp full of budding veterinarians and animal lovers.

10:45-12:15: PET NUTRITION & BAKING DOG TREATS: Nutrition is the cornerstone of health. After all "we are what we eat" and our pets are no different. The importance of diet, quantity and quality will be discussed and will lead into the making of some tasty treats for our K9 friends.

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 children over the lunch period.

1:00-3:30: PET EDUCATION & SAFETY: To kick off the week our Campers will first be taught dog and cat safety and techniques that will help prepare pets for visits to the vet. We'll have a few friendly, four legged assistants on hand to help demonstrate the proper way to approach a dog and what to do if a strange dog approaches you. Plus, how to get your pet ready for checkups, nail trims, and taking their medicine.

3:30-4:00: Campers are now ready to be signed out before being picked up by their designated caregiver. Please note, for obvious security reasons children will only be released to the guardian that dropped them off unless otherwise notified.

TUESDAY:

8:30-9:00: The children arrive at Camp Headquarters, attendance is taken and the day's activities are explained. Each child must be signed in by the guardian dropping them off.

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9:00-12:15: This morning the Wombats are off on excursion to FEATHERDALE WILDLIFE PARK. Featherdale has Australia's largest collection of native animals and has successful breeding programs for both the Cassowary and the Quoll. Upon arrival at Featherdale, our Campers will receive a private lesson from Keeper, Louie Vassallo, on wildlife rescue and rehabilitation. During this lesson the kids will be encouraged to learn about and interact with some of Featherdale's friendly rescue animals including a Tawny Frogmouth, a Diamond Python, a Koala and an actual Kookaburra!

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.

1:00-3:30: After lunch the kids will engage in an animal rescue activity where they will learn, amongst other things, what materials are required when rescuing certain wildlife. With our remaining time we will visit the wallaby and kangaroo enclosure and explore all of the many wonderful animals at Featherdale before our private coach takes us back to HQ.

3:30-4:00: Now back to Headquarters where the kids can add today's memories to their notebooks if they like before being signed out by their caregiver.

WEDNESDAY:

8:30-9:00: The children 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.

9:00-10:30: Do you know which breeds are considered *brachycephalic* and what health issues these dogs are prone to? Instructors will now lead the Wombats through an interactive presentation we like to call GUESS THE BREED & BREED SPECIFIC DISEASES.

10:45-12:15: Proper TRAINING is essential for our pets. It builds trust, makes our pets more welcome in a variety of settings and ultimately helps keep our pets happy and healthy. BONDI BEHAVIOURIST IAN SHIVERS has an in-depth understanding of dog psychology, plus over eight years of experience working with countless dog breeds, ages, sizes, temperaments and issues. His approach is to create a calm and confident relationship that makes life with our pets easier and more enjoyable. We are so pleased to have Ian visit us at camp this year to share his experience, tips and insights in the realm of training/behaviour.

12:15-1:00: Lunch time! Kids are responsible for bringing their own “peanut free” lunch and drink.

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1:00-3:30: This afternoon we are joined by Jacki Salkeld from FEATURE CREATURES! This informative, hands-on session will educate and amaze the children with a vast collection of creatures. Jacki's travelling menagerie of animals exposes our Wombats to lizards, snakes, insects, birds, turtles, frogs, crocodiles and dragons!

3:30-4:00: Campers are now ready to be signed out before being picked up by their designated caregiver. Please note, for obvious security reasons children will only be released to the guardian that dropped them off unless otherwise notified.

THURSDAY:

8:30-9:00: The children 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: Veterinary medicine isn't just about dogs and cats. Farm animals require a unique veterinary skill set. This morning our Campers are off to CALMSLEY HILL "the farm in the city" to learn all about farm animal health and welfare. Upon arrival at CALMSLEY HILL the children will be given a guided tour by one of the farmers who will talk to them about farm animal care, feeding and health. Each child will also get to try their hand at milking a cow!

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 children over the lunch period.

1:00-2:30: After lunch, Campers will be treated to a herding demonstration by the farm's working dogs and see how these smart and nimble canines move the flock from meadow to pen, assisting the farmer with their job. We will also have time to visit the farm's nursery where the kids will get to pet lambs, bunnies, and kids of the four legged variety before heading over to the sheep shearing shed for a demo.

2:30-4:00: Campers return to Headquarters. Upon arrival they will be ready to be signed out before being picked up by their designated caregiver.

FRIDAY:

8:30-9:00: The children 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.

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9:00-10:00: This morning our Campers are in for a treat as we welcome 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.

10:30-12:15: Next we're going to cover BASIC PET FIRST AID. Assessing what is normal in your pet so that you know when things aren't normal and if they may require medical attention is an important diagnostic skill. Our Instructors will cover basic signs and symptoms to look for in order to determine whether a visit to the veterinarian is warranted and what basic first aid procedures you can do yourself, like bandaging your pet's injured leg, until you can get them to the vet. This moves right into a session on PET CPR. What would you do if your dog were choking or stopped breathing? Knowing how to properly perform PET CPR is a valuable skill. All of our Wombats will be given step by step instructions and the opportunity to practice this potentially lifesaving skill on our veterinary approved CPR dogs, Casper and Jasper. Once done, all our young animal lovers will be presented with a certificate for their achievement in this area.

12:15-1:00: Lunch time! Kids are responsible for bringing their own "peanut free" lunch & drink. As always children will be supervised over lunch hour.

1:00-2:00: After lunch we have a special treat for our Wombats. Drs. Audrey and Alison Shen are (twin!) veterinarians who operate a mobile vet service. They will arrive at Camp HQ in their AUSSIE MOBILE VET unit to show us all what it's like to be vets on wheels!

2:15-3:00: Let's take a few minutes before graduation to test our Wombats' animal knowledge with some fun and thought provoking TRIVIA!

3:00-4:00: 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 the graduation ceremony and a few parting words from some inspirational guest speakers. 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 children 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!