

# FUTURE VET Kids CAMP



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**Wombats age 9-11 JANUARY 6-10 & 13-17, 2020**

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	Day 1 Orientation: Introduction to Camp & each other	The Sydney Zoo	Pet 1 <sup>st</sup> Aid & CPR	Calmsley Hill: The Farm in the City	visit from RSPCA
9:30-10:30	Hands on with Cats & Kittens	⇓	⇓	⇓	
10:30-10:45	Morning Tea	Morning Tea	Morning Tea	Morning Tea	Morning Tea
10:30-11:30	K9 Nutrition & Baking Dog Treats	⇓	⇓	⇓	Dog Training & Scent Detection
11:30-12:15	⇓	⇓	⇓	⇓	⇓
<b>12:15-1:00</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>
1:00-2:00	Pet Education & Safety	⇓	Native Wildlife: Birds, Reptiles & Creepy Crawlies!	⇓	Grooming 101
2:00-2:15	Afternoon Break	Afternoon Break	Afternoon Break	Afternoon Break	Afternoon Break
2:15-3:30	Puppies!	⇓	⇓	⇓	Guess the Breed & Breed Specific Diseases
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 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.

9:00-9:30: Camp is officially in session! Allow us to introduce ourselves. This is a fun and casual meet and greet where you get to know a little bit about your Instructors and your fellow campers as everyone takes turns introducing themselves. It's a great way to learn something about the people you are going to be spending the week with and find common ground; *"You have a rabbit?! I have a rabbit!"*

9:30-10:30: After 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.

1:00-2:30: 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.

2:30-3:30: PUPPIES! Need we say more? With the help of our friends at Bondi Behaviour, the last half of the afternoon we will focus on how to create a positive, calm, responsive relationship between people and their puppies. Just as important as understanding how to care for a pet's physical needs, it is equally important to make them feel safe and comfortable by understanding how a pup's brain works and the best way to clearly communicate with them and help them navigate the big wonderful world around them!

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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.

9:00-12:15: This morning the Wombats are off on excursion to the brand new SYDNEY ZOO. Opening 6 December 2019, Future Vet Kids Camp will be one of the first groups to visit this incredible new facility! Our friends at the zoo will take us behind the scenes to learn about Australia's native animals and we will be given exclusive access to a zoo vet for what is sure to be a fascinating Q&A including exclusive back of house access to a rarely seen area of the zoo!

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 we will get to explore all of the many wonderful animals at The SYDNEY ZOO and listen in on a few keeper talks before our private coach takes us back to HQ.

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.

## **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: 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.

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10:45-12:15: After the break we'll move 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 and drink.

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

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.

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## **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.

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.

10:45-12:15: Next we are joined by experienced ANIMAL TRAINER/BEHAVIOURIST Peta Clarke. While Peta Clarke's first love is working with dogs, her experiences in the field of animal training range from elephants to goldfish. Peta runs her own animal training and consultancy business, has trained extensively for the film and television industry as well as acting as a consultant on both pet dog and parrot behaviour and training issues and advising wildlife parks and zoos on improved training practices and show development. We are thrilled to welcome Peta Clarke to Future Vet Kids Camp this year to impart just a smidge of what she knows about TRAINING COMPANION ANIMALS.

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: 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.

2:15-2:45: 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.

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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 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!*