

FUTURE VET Kids CAMP

for the aspiring veterinarian in your child

Kookaburras age 12–14

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	Aussie Mobile Vet	Australian Wildlife: Snakes, Reptiles & Wildlife	Horse Rescue Richmond	K9 Breed Identification
9:30-10:30	Balmain Veterinary Hospital Visit	↓	↓	↓	↓
10:30-11:30	↓	Alternative Therapies: Acupuncture & Laser	↓	↓	RSPCA
11:30-12:15	↓	Veterinary Case Study	↓	↓	↓
12:15-1:00	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH
1:00-2:00	All About Blood (prep for case studies)	Blood Draw Workshop	Animal Behaviour Bondi Behaviourist	↓	Dog Training & Scent Detection
2:00-2:15	Afternoon Break	Afternoon Break	Afternoon Break	Afternoon Break	Afternoon Break
2:15-3:30	Kitten Rescue Physical Exam	Veterinary Case Study	Puppy School	↓	Grooming 101
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.

9:30-12:15: 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! 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? Our Kookaburras will now be taught the BASICS OF BLOOD WORK in preparation for the many fascinating case studies ahead of them this week.

2:15-3:30: Our Kookaburras 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 then at a camp full of budding veterinarians and animal lovers.

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.

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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.

9:00-10:00: We are thrilled to have Drs. Audrey and Alison Shen as part of the Future Vet Kids Camp team of qualified Instructors. Drs. Alison and Audrey are (twin!) veterinarians who operate a mobile vet service. Today 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!

10:15-12:15: In addition to their general practice, Dr. Audrey has completed a Postgraduate Course in Ophthalmology and Dr. Alison is a Certified Veterinary Acupuncturist so these vets have heaps of experience to share with our lucky Kookaburras! After a very informative session about what a day in the life of a mobile vet is like and a tour of their clinic on wheels, Dr. Alison will lead the group in a session on ALTERNATIVE THERAPIES like acupuncture and laser therapy followed by the first of many fascinating CASE STUDIES

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: Next Dr. Audrey or Dr Alison will lead the group in yet another fascinating CASE STUDY (topic TBD) working through a simulated veterinary case from beginning to end. Starting with a role play of an actual appointment, the Kookaburras will see what information needs to be extracted from the owner, decide which tests to run, interpret those test results and come up with a diagnosis and treatment plan.

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.

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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 the specialized animal handlers from Feature Creatures! This informative, hands-on session exposes the children to a vast collection of animals. Jacki and Kevin's travelling menagerie of animals includes lizards, snakes, turtles, frogs, arachnids, birds and much, much more!

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: 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 ten 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 and his team visit us at camp again this year to share their experience, tips and insights in the realm of training/behaviour.

2:15-3:30: Puppy School from TEAM BONDI BEHAVIOURIST will go in-depth about how to understand your K9 friend training at Puppy School. Common mistakes made and how to avoid them.

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.

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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.

9:00-2:00: The Horse Rescue Australia (HRA) has been operating since 1986. They are devoted and care for the rehabilitation of horses that have been abused, abandoned or neglected around Australia. Our Kookaburras are very fortunate to be able to spend the day touring and helping out at this remarkable facility!

3:30-4:00: 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:

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 previously notified.

9:00-10:00: 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 put their breed knowledge to the test during this interactive presentation on the seven recognized groups of dogs.

10:15-12:15: 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.

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

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1:00-2:00: Next we are joined by experienced ANIMAL TRAINER/BEHAVIOURIST Heather Addie has trained extensively for the film and television industry. Her kelpie dogs Dart and Pickles are both rescue dogs and it has taken significant training to get them primed for television as well as competing in dog agility championships where they hold national titles. We are thrilled to welcome Heather and her team to Future Vet Kids Camp this year to impart just a smidge of what she knows about TRAINING COMPANION ANIMALS.

2:00-3:00: 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.

2:45-4:00: 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!