Daisy Hill VET Clinic

**Clinic Hours:**
Mon to Fri: 8am - 6pm
Sat: 8am - 12pm

**OUR VETS:**
Dr Julian Nalliah
Dr Briar Ballantyne
Dr Rebecca Williams

**OUR NURSING TEAM:**
Are always eager to help you with your appointments, & offer friendly professional advice on pet care products & pet health issues. Tammy, Jess, Lisa & Jo make up our veterinary nursing team.

**Our groomers** are available Mon Wed & Thurs. We also offer hydrobathing on Sat mornings.

# Daisy Hill Vet Clinic

Family owned & operated

Winter 2018

# A New Direction:

## For your community vet

Dr Julian Nalliah is the new full time senior Veterinarian & Manager for Daisy Hill Vet Clinic. The clinic is familiar ground for Dr Julian, as over the past 5 years, during which time he was the manager & senior surgeon of Rochedale Vet, Dr Terri would regularly call upon him to perform orthopaedics & more complex surgical procedures.

Dr Julian graduated with a Bachelor of Veterinary Science (Hons) from UQ in 2002. Over his 16 years in veterinary practice, he has accumulated a wealth of knowledge & experience, in the areas of small animal medicine, soft tissue surgery, orthopaedics (ACL & patella surgery), advanced dentistry (surgical tooth extractions & fillings) & small animal behavior like storm phobias.

Dr Julian shares his life with his wife Chloe, 2 year old son Quinton & their pets Daley (the retired seeing eye dog) & one very tolerant cat Alfie. The Nalliah family are excited to now call Daisy Hill home, & are looking forward to getting involved with many community events.

Dr Briar Ballantyne joined Daisy Hill Vet in 2016 & has over 20 years experience as a veterinarian. She has a very diverse set of skills & expertise, having worked both overseas & at many clinics across Brisbane. Continuing education is very important to Briar & 2018 is no different; having just attended a medicine conference, held by some of the leading veterinary specialists. Briar has now taken on a course in high level small animal dentistry. Briar works Mon & Wed as she juggles work & family.

We are lucky to have Dr Rebecca Williams, join us at Daisy Hill Vet Clinic every Thursday. She is a highly experienced veterinarian, rehab practitioner & is certified in veterinary acupuncture.

### Our Highly Skilled Friendly Nurses

Nurse Tammy heading up our nursing team. She has over 17 years nursing experience, a great sense of humour, & always maintains the highest of standards of care, whether she is at reception, or assisting in an orthopaedic surgery. Tammy also runs our very popular puppy preschool classes & does school visits as part of the Australian Veterinary Association PetPrep program.

Nurse Lisa who has a background in emergency nursing, & as a result has a great ability to stay calm under pressure. Her caring & friendly nature has been an instant hit with our clients & their pets.

Nurse Jess has worked the past 5 years in a specialist birds & exotics clinic in Brisbane. Jess has quickly ensured that our care of injured wildlife has been exceptional. Jess has a very calm manner with pets & clients alike & has a great ability to deliver information.

Lastly Nurse Jo. There is nothing she has not done over her lengthy career in the veterinary industry. Her special interest is in the surgery side of vet nursing, where Jo treats each patient like they are her own.

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## Junior Vet Clinic

**We are passionate about education & encouraging the future generations to continue learning about animals & science.**

We have made a 'Junior' Daisy Hill Vet Clinic for our reception area & hope it generates lots of learning through fun. There are surgical scrubs, a working stethoscope, dog skeleton, a finger scanner that measures heart rate & blood oxygen levels & a real microscope that features a slide of the week, which could be a butterfly wing, honeybee leg, locust antenna & so on. We really hope your kids enjoy the Junior Vet Clinic & learn a bit more about what happens in a vet clinic. It is also totally portable so we hope to use it as an education tool at schools.

# Veterinary Acupuncture:

## Promoting the body to heal itself!

**Although used most often for pain management, veterinary acupuncture can be very effective for many patients including those with; arthritis, chronic pain, spinal or neurological conditions, back & neck pain or poor mobility.**

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Benefits to acupuncture include:

- Endorphin release: this is a naturally produced hormone which alleviates pain & creates a sense of well-being.
- Cortisol release: this is a natural anti-inflammatory hormone. It enables the body to better cope with stress.
- Block pain signals in the body: This can occur at the local site of the pain, at the level of the spinal cord & at the level of the brain.
- Decrease inflammation: the nerve stimulation induced by acupuncture leads to biochemical signaling pathways that act to regulate & decrease inflammation in the body.
- Stimulate immune system: certain acupuncture points boost the immune system by increasing white blood cells.
- Increase blood flow to local areas: acupuncture points draw blood to problem areas & promote oxygenation, & removal of metabolic wastes & toxins.

## Whoops a Daisy

Oscar, the 20-week-old boxer puppy was brought into the clinic, as his owner noticed his face including his eyes & mouth were swollen. The poor little man was suffering from a severe allergy or reaction of an unknown origin. His diligent owner rushed him down to us where we gave him two injections to reduce the swelling & allergic reaction.

Oscar then stayed at the clinic for the day to be monitored closely while the swelling was reducing. This was especially important as Oscar is a boxer, a brachycephalic breed, which means his nose is flatter like a pug or bulldog. Such breeds can have some difficulties with breathing, & since Oscar's face was swelling we wanted to make sure he was still able to breathe properly & not go into respiratory failure, as their airway are completely blocked & need emergency intervention. Thankfully a few hours at our clinic with a nurse monitoring his temperature, swelling & breathing, the drugs had started to work & the swelling had reduced. Oscar was able to go home to his very relieved owners with a plan for what to do if it were to happen again.

If this happens to one of your animals call us or the Animal Emergency Service in Underwood if it is out of business hours.