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"We Treat Your Pets As Though They Were Our Own".



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Halifax Veterinary Centre Referral Service

*NZ's Only Accredited
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We welcome referrals in:

- ◆ Xray interpretation
- ◆ Diagnostic imaging
- ◆ Medical investigations
- ◆ Surgery
- ◆ Nutritional and critical care
- ◆ Animal Behaviour
- ◆ Dermatology
- ◆ Ophthalmology

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The Referral Team



Hans Andersen BVSc MACVSc

The stalwart of the Halifax Veterinary Centre, Hans has been the pioneering force behind Halifax achieving **BESTPRACTICE™** Hospital accreditation. We are still the only veterinary clinic in New Zealand to attain this standard. Hans is a member of the Australian College of Veterinary Scientists (small animal medicine) and is also a highly skilled surgeon with a special interest in soft tissue surgery.

Chris Welland BVSc (Dist.) MACVSc

A 1992 graduate of Massey University, Chris has developed significant skills in ultrasonography. Since the arrival of our new cardiac probe Chris has been up-skilling in Doppler examinations. This means a thorough evaluation and important prognostic information is now available in puppies and kittens with congenital heart defects. Chris is a member of the Australian College of Veterinary Scientists (small animal medicine) and was awarded the College Prize for being the most outstanding candidate in his year.

Duncan Graham BVSc BSc (Hons.)

Duncan is our skin expert and runs referral clinics in all the major centres in the South Island. He is a member of the American Academy of Veterinary Dermatologists and is on the particular skills register in NZ for dermatology. Duncan is actively involved in continuing education giving lectures to veterinarians and nurses throughout the country. Duncan is one of the few veterinarians in NZ who are capable of performing intradermal skin tests for detecting allergies in pets.

Bryan Paterson BVSc CBC.

A 1974 graduate from Massey University, Bryan brings extensive experience to the referral team at Halifax. Bryan has recently completed a post-graduate course in radiology from the Sydney University Post graduate Foundation. Bryan enjoys all aspects of veterinary medicine but has a special interest in orthopaedic surgery, in particular cruciate ligament repair and luxating patella corrections.

Todd Halsey BVSc MVSc (Hons.) MACVSc

Todd's areas of expertise include gastrointestinal disease, critical care nutrition and diagnostic imaging. Todd has spent four years at Massey University and Murdoch University (Perth) doing postgraduate training in small animal internal medicine. A member of the Australian College of Veterinary Scientists (small animal medicine), Todd has acted as both examiner and mentor for prospective candidates. Currently, Todd is pursuing an interest in diagnostic cytology and pain management.

Steph Loader Steph brings exceptional skills to Halifax in the area of canine and feline behavioural medicine and training. Having already completed courses in canine behaviour and health & husbandry, Steph is currently undertaking study for a Bachelor of Applied Animal Science focussing on animal behaviour. Steph runs the Halifax "Puppy Pre-school", "Canine Junior" and "TLC" (Teaching Learning Canines) classes and is achieving excellent results with her behaviour modification programmes using relaxation and positive reinforcement techniques.



Nurse Clare Maisey holding the **BESTPRACTICE™** Hospital certificate.



About your visit to the Halifax Veterinary Centre

You will be given a specific appointment date and time. This consultation will usually last between 45 to 60 minutes and you may need to leave your pet at the clinic for a period of time. Depending on circumstances, overnight hospitalisation may be necessary. Unless advised otherwise, you will need to withhold all food from your pet on the day of consultation. On the reverse side is a map showing you where to find the Halifax Veterinary Centre. Could you please ensure your dog is on a lead and that cats are in cages. Payment is required in full upon collection of your pet from the clinic. If this is not possible then financial arrangements must be made prior to the consultation proceeding.

Thank you.

We look forward to caring for your pet.