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### **Sydney University veterinary students health check four-legged Million Paws Walkers**

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Staff and students from the Sydney University Veterinary Teaching Hospital once again happily donated their time and veterinary skills at the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual RSPCA Million Paws Walk held on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2010.

Sydney University veterinarians Dr Chris Tan and Dr Natasha Evans, veterinary science lecturer Dr Corinna Klupiec along with over twenty 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> year veterinary science students provided free pet health checks for all the dog owners who were participating in the walk.

The day was a great success, blessed with beautiful hot weather and hundreds of the Sydney community coming along to spend the day out with their pets and to support such a wonderful cause.

Dog owners continuously lined up to take advantage of the free pet health checks to make sure their beloved pets' health was in good order. For the students this was an invaluable, hands-on practical experience that will assist with their preparation for becoming qualified veterinarians.

Natascha Koepsel, Project Officer from the Sydney University Veterinary Teaching Hospital said, "The University veterinary staff and students did such a brilliant job representing our Teaching Hospital and using their veterinary skills to support the RSPCA. The free pet health checks were in high demand and our students were all talking about the opportunity as a great learning experience."

This year the Million Paws Walk was held at 70 locations across Australia with 21 locations in NSW. For Sydneysiders the event was held at Sydney Olympic Park.

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