



Australian Veterinary Association's **Pets & People Education Program**

What is AVA PetPEP?

The Australian Veterinary Association's **Pets and People Education Program** (AVA PetPEP) is about helping Australian students understand the important responsibility of looking after pets and how to be safe around animals.

The program was first launched in Western Australia in 1990 and has been successfully operating in Queensland for over 15 years. AVA PetPEP was developed by teachers and veterinarians due to:

- An increased incidence of dog attacks
- More reports of neglected and abandoned pets
- An increase in urban housing development and a corresponding rise in the number of animal-related complaints.

What is an AVA PetPEP school visit?

An AVA PetPEP School Visit is where animal education comes to you! Children involved in an AVA PetPEP School Visit will benefit from the **FREE** hands-on, interactive and visual learning experience when a 'real-life' vet and other animal care professionals visit.

How does an AVA PetPEP school visit work?

A school visit can involve up to four presenters. Each presentation lasts 20 minutes and groups of students move through the presentations on a rotation basis. An AVA PetPEP School Visit can be between 30 minutes and two hours in length.

Who is involved in an AVA PetPEP school visit?

School visits may involve Veterinarians, vet nurses, Local Laws/Animal Management Officers from local councils, RSPCA Qld, Biosecurity Qld, wildlife carers, dog trainers and representatives from Guide and Assistance Dog organisations. The combined efforts of these presenters has the powerful potential to improve children's understanding and appreciation of animals, their needs, and how to be safe around them.

Why book an AVA PetPEP school visit now?

It is **FREE**, fully coordinated and resourced by our team and is **aligned with the Australian Curriculum**. Every year AVA PetPEP visits 400 schools throughout Queensland. Teachers find the visits are a great way to involve local community professionals in the school.

How to book

Simply complete a booking form and return it to us, or contact our team and we'll do the rest!

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