

DO YOU KNOW ABOUT POOP?

The Pets of Older Persons (POOP) program assists socially isolated elderly people by offering assistance with their pets in times of crisis. The POOP Program aims to keep pets and their elderly owners happy, healthy and together in their own homes for as long as possible.

POOP is based in Sydney but assists clients throughout NSW whenever possible through RSPCA NSW Shelters and Branches.

The RSPCA is involved in providing assistance with veterinary care and emergency boarding.

POOP's services:

- Temporary foster accommodation and/or emergency boarding of the pet should the owner require medical treatment, respite or other assistance
- Assistance with veterinary treatment at the RSPCA Sydney Vet Hospital
- Assistance with pet grooming
- Home visits to assist the elderly with basic pet care.

Who is eligible to use POOP?

POOP is specifically designed for socially isolated people 65 years of age or older requiring assistance with care of their pets. Socially isolated palliative care patients can also access POOP's services.

What does it cost?

Usually, clients pay the veterinary, grooming and boarding fees at the time of service. POOP's clients receive a discount on all services and payment plans can be arranged, assessed on an individual basis; POOP program relies on donations and grants support, to exist.

For more information, email poops@rspcansw.org.au or phone: 02 9782 4408.

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If you're interested in assisting POOP, including volunteering, please contact the POOP Team on 02 9782 4408.

This information is provided as a community service by the Kangaroo Valley Seniors Accommodation and Support Committee.