

Dr Tanya Grantham Resume

Dr Tanya Grantham has been an active Veterinary Medicine Practitioner since 1994 when she obtained her Bachelor of Veterinary Science from the University of Pretoria. Prior to that she successfully completed a Bachelor of Science (BSc) Degree in Zoology and Genetics (1998) and went on to attain a BSc Honours Degree in Genetics (1990) also at the University of Pretoria.



Her post graduate qualifications include: CertSCVA - Certificate of Safety and Competence in Veterinary Acupuncture (Association of British Veterinary Acupuncturists, UK) 2010, CCRP - Canine Rehabilitation Practitioner (University Of Tennessee) 2010, and CCBW (Caninology Canine Body Worker USA) 2016, Certificate of Veterinary Acupuncture CVA (Chi Institute Florida USA) 2018 and completion of Canine Sports Medicine module 2017 with Dr. Chris Zink of the Canine Rehabilitation Institute in Florida, USA. Most recently she has passed the examination for Caninology Canine Myofascial Release Course Level 1 2018 with Ruth Mitchell-Golladay.

Dr Tanya believes in investing in knowledge, and to that purpose obtained the following **certificates in pursuit of self-development:** Reiki Master (2008); Hartwell Business Institute Bookkeeping and Accounting UK Guild Level 1 (2008); Becoming a Human Crystal Crystalis Institute USA (2011); Primus Activation Healing Therapist Crystalis Institute USA (2013).

Between the years of 1995 and 2009 Dr Tanya practised **mainstream veterinary medicine**, as a locum, partner and sole practitioner in a variety of busy and successful Veterinary hospitals and clinics. She also consulted one day a week at the Onderstepoort Small Animal Dental Clinic (from 2008 to 2010). Her current practice (Animal Health Solutions (Animal Health and Hydro)) was established in 2009, and focuses on the **physical rehabilitation of mostly dogs and cats**. One of her more recent ventures (Companion Care Solutions, a **specialised rehabilitation day care facility for dogs**) was established in October of 2015. Her new Pretoria Branch began treating Canine and Equine patients in September of 2018.

She has presented at numerous congresses and CPD events, including: World Veterinary Congress, Cape Town 2010; Complementary Veterinary Medicine Group mini congresses: 2012 (Drakensberg KZN) and 2015 (Kruger National Park Mpumalanga); SAVA (South African Veterinary Association) KZN branch mini congress 2014 and Mpumalanga branch mini congress August 2018. In addition, she is a regular presenter at sponsored evening CPD events for vets, vet nurses and physiotherapists.

As well as regularly hosting Veterinary Medicine Students at her Hydro, in 2016 Dr Tanya was appointed as an **external examiner for the Final Year Students at Equine-Librium College** in the Western Cape and completed her first set of examinations with them in June of 2016.

In 2018 SA **promulgated a new profession** namely veterinary physical rehabilitation. Dr Tanya was a member of the work group tasked to investigate this, talk to and engage all interested parties (body workers, hydrotherapists, vet nurses, vets, chiropractors, physiotherapists etc.) and then advise South African Veterinary Council in this regard. The work group was established in 2011 and their extensive consultations culminated in a scope of practise document for the proposed new profession, as well as a draft of rules and regulations, which



was submitted to parliament. She continues to serve on a special committee which is overseeing the practical aspects of introducing this new profession. Dr Tanya has served as the Secretary of Complementary Veterinary Medicine Group (CVMG) 2010 – 2012; and then as the Acting Chairperson of CVMG in 2012; She also managed the website of CVMG in 2012/2013.

Over the years, Dr Tanya has offered her services to a number of **charitable organisations** whose causes she holds dear. Whilst she was associated with her Veterinary Practice she participated in a catch, sterilise and release program all over Gauteng Province with **Feral Cat Friends**. They sterilised and vaccinated over 3000 cats in 5 years. From 2007 to 2012 she was involved with the **Namaqua Dog and Donkey Foundation**. This Welfare organisation focuses on primary health care and sterilisations for dogs and cats in the Daveyton Informal Settlement. They also undertook annual outreaches to the Northern Cape Province.

Dr Tanya currently supports **Husky Rescue SA - HRSA** - (since 2009) by offering pro bono treatments in the form of post-operative rehab. She also contributes to **Pug Rescue South Africa – PRSA** - (since 2011). In addition to Pro bono consultation on and treatment of rehabilitation and management of geriatric dogs, Dr Tanya has been involved in the PRSA **Thanda Inja Project** (from September 2015) which offers pro bono primary health care and sterilisations in Gabon Informal Settlement. (PRSA works in conjunction with the State Veterinary Department on this project.)

Dr Tanya professes a great interest in building **a business that makes a difference**. To this end she became a member of **BNI (Business Network International)** and was a founding member of the Benoni Chapter (Boost) in 2014. Adding to this long list of accomplishments Dr Tanya is also: a photographer, blogger, traveller, scuba diver, reader, meditator, runner (she ran the **Comrades Ultra Marathon**, earning a medal in 2007, and completed two **2 Oceans Ultra Marathons** 2008 and 2009) and mountain climber (she scaled **Mount Kilimanjaro** all the way to Uhuru Peak).

Her small holding in Benoni hosts her underwater treadmill, hydrotherapy pool and rehab facility. She and her husband have embraced the rural life with sheep, chickens, horses, guinea fowl and ducks sharing their little piece of heaven on earth. Dr Tanya loves nothing more than a long ride or walk, with her equine and canine companions. And just sometimes, even a cuddle from her feline landlords.