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**INQUIRY INTO VETERINARY WORKFORCE SHORTAGE
IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

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am very much against veticare.

It's not vegan to own and enslave animals while we love dogs and cats they are bred for ownership. I agree they bring joy to owners but again it's not vegan to own animals.

I made choice not to own dogs I used to once have two German Shepherds. A healthy dog without major veterinary bills will cost \$25,000 over a life time. The money spent on owning a single dog can save 500x starving children from death in countries like Yemen or the other 80 countries around the world where right now 1 billion humans are suffering from malnutrition and food insecurity. Peanut butter with added vitamins in ready to use packaging is all that's needed to save lives.

The IPCC says humans must not eat more than 15g of meat per day if we are to survive a climate change driven collapse of human civilisation. So a serve of meat per human a fortnight is the maximum allowed meat consumption. Obviously zero vegan is better. Most people that own dogs and cats will feed there dog and cats meat. Shot kangaroos, horses and factory f-harmed animals such as chickens and marine animals. So it defeats the whole purpose of animal rights if own and enslave an animal and feed them other animals.

We do not have dental or mental health for humans covered by Medicare. Why should we be paying for people to take their animals to vets out of tax payers money when millions of Australians can't even afford to see a dentist to have their teeth repaired or mental health problems addressed.

Companion cats and dogs are killing hundrds of millions of native animals a year. The vast majority of cat owners do not even contain their cats. So millions of companion cats are killing tens of millions of native animals each night for sheer entertainment and joy of the companion cat to hunt and kill wildlife.

If people choose to own cats and dogs it's their responsibility to cover their veterinary care. If they can't afford the tens of thousands for a healthy animal to be cared for and many thousands more for a companion animal to have veterinary care if medical problems they should not have the pet to begin with.

It is unjustifiable to force tax payers who made a decision not to own pets to pay for other people's vets costs.