

## My first experiences at Al Barsha Veterinary Clinic

Shouldn't be a bad place if there is a vet clinic in the building – I said once, around last October, when one of our flat hunting trip in Al Barsha lead us to the building above. A few months later, I found myself walking through the door, with a suspenseful feeling in my mind and a little fever of excitement in my stomach, for being introduced to the staff and do my final job interview at ABVC.

It was 8 in the evening- and to my greatest surprise, all the lights were on, there seemed to be a live activity, pets with their owners in the waiting area, there was a chatty, funny and calm atmosphere, and all was very, very homely. No wonder that after my first impression I couldn't wait to be a part of their team. Quite a short period of time passed working behind the reception desk, but in this short time included months in a week, and covered years in a few months, all due to the intense emotions day by day.

Times've been high, times've been sad, we had tragedies and wonders, miracles of birth- and even rebirths, often all in one single day- and each and every stories were lived through together: medical staff, patients and their families. I can see girls lifting dogs half-of-their weight to comfort them, I see some of them feeding sick pets by a teaspoon for hours to keep them going on, heard them being up at night caring about their critical patients as beloved ones and I have seen everyone weeping or laughing when times were emotional.

There is no exception. Here there is no one who'll look funny at you when you're kissing a tabby head or shaking a paw, there is no one who'll spare a laughter when it's time for it, and, of course, when you talk, talk, talk to your little friends - because here all of us, pet owners and staff – essentially owners all of us – we all speak and understand the same language: here everyone speaks pet. (It happened some day this spring that one of our clients, popping in for some dog food in her lunchbreak, just remarked while I was doing her bill: 'you are so lucky to work at a vet clinic.' All what I said was *'yes, you're so right!'*)



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