

Pet of the month



Thomas Withers (4) with Patsy (25), Merry (10) and Harriet (9)

Patsy is Merry and Harriet's mum and they are all Jerusalem Donkeys. This means they all have dark hair in the shape of a cross over their shoulders. The donkeys belong to the Dekker Family at Peebles near Oamaru, but Thomas lives nearby and insists on stopping every morning on his way to kindly to pat the 'wonky donkeys'.

Interesting Facts:

Donkeys can live for 40 years. An average donkey (160kg) can carry 50kg on their back and can pull twice their body weight on level ground.

If you would like your pet to feature in our Pet of the Month spot please head to our website (www.vet111.co.nz) and look for "Cottons Kids Corner" and click on the "Pet of the Month" link for more details.

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Sarah Boys & Sampson

Sarah Boys is a dedicated and caring veterinarian at our Veterinary Centre Oamaru. Sarah has a special interest in soft tissue surgery as well as specific experience in managing small animals with endocrine diseases. Sarah has lived in North Otago for two and a half years and enjoys road cycling and skiing. Her significant other Sampson is a cavoodle (Cavalier King Charles Spaniel X Poodle). Sampson is a frequent visitor to the Oamaru vet hospital where he is quick to befriend and cheer up many patients.

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Welcome New Pet Owners

We all know that pets are great companions for young and old alike. The staff at the Veterinary Centre extend a warm welcome to new pets and their owners and invite you to call into one of our Blue Cross Veterinary Centres to view our wide range of animal health products, foods and accessories.

Pop in and see one of our friendly vets or trained nurses for information on vaccinations, worming, dental hygiene, behavioural problems, flea control or dietary requirements. We are here to help you make the right choices for your new pet.



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Having children rear and care for a pet lamb or calf is a wholesome and rewarding experience. It teaches them responsibility and reliability, and they see the results of their efforts in a healthy, growing, friendly animal. It encourages respect for the animal kingdom and animal welfare in a special way. No matter how busy our spring is, our vets will always find time to talk to and advise our young people in the best way to care for their new found friend.



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Cotton's Corner

Spring has sprung! But it is not all sunshine and daffodils here at the Veterinary Centre - I hear my vets talking about late night call-outs, calving cows and treating milk fever. They then devote their day to concentrating on all sorts of sick animals in our hospital. Quite frankly my humans get so busy at this time of year that they tend to ignore me! Luckily there is plenty to keep me occupied now I have a new job overseeing the renovations here in Oamaru. Have you been in to see the progress? It is starting to look very spiffy! I see a lot of new hi-tech equipment going into those new surgery suites too!.....

...Cotton



Does your pet have diabetes?

Diabetes is a complex disease of which we hear about from time to time in humans, but did you know cats and dogs can also be affected? Dogs over 7 years old and cats over 9 years of age are most at risk. The following clinical signs are seen in almost all diabetic animals:

- Drinking lots of water
- Urinating more
- Eating more
- Weight loss

Other signs you may see include:

- Lethargy
- Poor coat condition
- Blindness from cataracts
- Lack of grooming behavior

Diagnosis is confirmed by testing glucose levels (BGT) in the blood and urine. Ruling out other diseases is also important, for example renal disease, liver disease or endocrine disorders.

Diabetic animals need daily injections of insulin as their pancreas is unable to produce any.

Currently our Blue Cross Veterinary Centres are managing several diabetic patients who have improved significantly with a detailed treatment plan. These animals have a much brighter long term outlook now.



Normal BGT is around 4.5!



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Interesting Cases



Harry's bottom line....

Harry's mum had noticed him scooting his bottom along the carpet, grass and even the sand at the beach. She thought her Jack Russell terrier might have worms, so she gave him

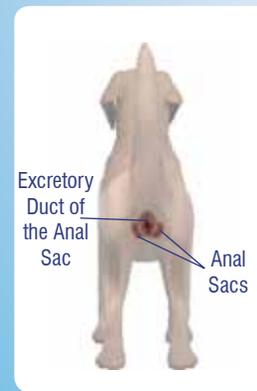


a worm tablet but the scooting persisted. He also had a potent fishy smell coming from his bottom so she booked him in to see his vet at the Veterinary Centre Oamaru.

A thorough physical exam determined that Harry had very full painful anal glands and one had formed a painful draining abscess. Harry was admitted and under a short general anaesthetic had the abscessed anal gland drained and cleaned. Anti-inflammatories and antibiotics were prescribed to help resolve the infection. In some

cases gland removal is an option for long term correction.

If your pet is scooting and you suspect it could be full anal glands, make an appointment with one of our Blue Cross veterinarians who can drain the glands, diagnose the cause and advise the best course of action.



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