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Introducing our Oamaru team ...



Meriana Yardley
Shop Manager in Oamaru

Meriana loves all animals, especially all the babies in the spring. Her favourite part of being Shop Manager is ordering all of the toys for the shop - most of which she ends up buying for her spoilt pets! Meriana plays hockey and squash and enjoys spending time with family and friends.



Tracy Gresham
Head Vet Nurse in Oamaru

Tracy enjoys the challenge of orthopaedic surgeries, as well as general nursing duties. Although she mainly deals with dogs, she is often called upon for her angry cat taming skills and bird handling talents. Tracy is a sharp shooter for the Valley netball team and enjoys baking and DIY around her house.

All prices and promotions in this issue valid until the end of the month or while stocks last.

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VETERINARY CENTRE



Because your pet deserves the very best

by the Big Blue Cross



Senior Health Check Special

\$69.00

This includes a full veterinary examination, blood tests and laboratory fees - full cost normally in excess of \$140

Extended to Monday 9th June because of demand!

FREE 3kg bag of Eukanuba Senior for your dog OR 850g bag of IAMS plus a free Revolution worm/flea treatment for your cat



Cotton's Corner

This month my Corner is dedicated to my special friend Filbert (Bert) from Waimate. Bert did my job at our Veterinary Centre there. He taste tested food on the shelves (when he wasn't supposed to), he would turn up at inappropriate moments (like in the middle of trying to blood test a grumpy cat and upsetting everyone) and just generally kept all his staff on their toes. Unfortunately Bert passed away last week after 13 years of loyal service and friendship. It's a comfort to know Bert was with his favourite people right to the end. Bert now rests in the Waimate Veterinary Centre garden and Dougall made him a lovely cross. We will miss you old chap. Thanks for the memories..... Cotton



Broadline and Frontline Winners

We have some very lucky cats out there enjoying some great prizes valued at more than \$550 each! Congratulations to **Debbie Hodges, Brooke McKenzie and Erin Kempthorne** and their feline friends. Not only are these lucky cats worm and flea free for six weeks but now they have incredible pamper packs for winter too!



Horse Wormer Special

Buy 3 tubes of Genesis, Triumph or Eqvalan and **GET ONE FREE**



Rat Bait Toxicity

Remember that cats and dogs are just as susceptible to rat bait poisoning as are rats and mice!! Most rat bait products interfere with vitamin K, a critical component of the blood stream's clotting pathway. Without it, the body can't clot blood, and the animal bleeds internally. If you suspect that your pet has had access to rat bait, or you catch them "red-pawed", contact Blue Cross Veterinary Centre **immediately!** We can use drugs to make your animal vomit, removing the source of the poison. If you suspect your pet has already absorbed the poison, we can give specific antidotes, and monitor the blood in our own laboratory, ensuring a successful outcome.

Early action is essential. In advanced cases, blood transfusions and several weeks of vitamin K therapy, combined with frequent monitoring, are necessary to avoid fatalities.

Be proactive this winter - prevent rat bait toxicity:

- store rat poison securely
- lay bait out of your pet's reach
- use enclosed bait stations



Interesting Cases



Happy Feet

An adult Snares Penguin was admitted to the Oamaru Veterinary Centre Hospital with a wound on the chest / thorax. The wound was a size of a two dollar coin (size of a netball/basketball on a human) and together with the loss of overlying feathers it was critical that it be operated upon. Feathers are imperative for a penguins survival as they help waterproof the bird in the icy cold waters of the Antarctic!! The wound was stitched closed and "Happy Feet" made a complete recovery. With a few weeks in rehabilitation, he is now ready to be released in the wild.



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