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Behaviourist

Psychologist

Immunologist

Oncologist

Preventative

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Parasitologist

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Neurosurgeon

Epidemiologist

Cardiologist

Dietician **Endocrinologist**

Geriatrician

Urologist

Proctologist

Theriogenologist

Ultrasonologist

Your Blue Cross Veterinarian is responsible for the health of your pet throughout its entire life. To your pet this person is the

35 specialist doctors rolled into one ...

your pet's best friend!







Grass Seed Season Has Arrived

Our pet's eyes, ears, paws and under arms are common sites for the seeds to attach themselves and cause a lot of

Regular checking of your pets, especially if you have been in grassy areas, is necessary to avoid problems occurring. If left unnoticed significant damage can occur.

If you suspect your pet has a grass seed problem then act quickly, the sooner they are attended to, the more likely the seed will be found and removed!

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Ryan Phillips BVS

Punch & his Diabetes

This year Punch came to our clinic because he was no longer his bright bubbly self. His owner had noticed that he was drinking and urinating more than usual, eating lots, losing weight and not wanting to go for his regular walks. After a couple of blood and urine tests at the clinic, he was diagnosed with diabetes mellitus.

Diabetes is a disease where there is either a lack of insulin production or the insulin that is usually made by the body is not working properly. This causes weight loss, low energy levels and an increase in drinking and urination.

To help treat Punch's diabetes, he was started on insulin therapy. Over the next 4-5 months he was monitored closely by the vets at the Waimate Veterinary Centre. During the duration of his treatment, he also developed cataracts and pancreatitis (both being complicating factors of diabetes). We were fortunate enough to be able to refer Punch to an eye clinic in Christchurch for cataract surgery and

managed pancreatitis with a low-fat diet. Since then, Punch no longer displays any signs of diabetes or pancreatitis. Punch will be continually monitored for the rest of his life, and he will be enjoying sugar free Christmas with heavy restrictions on ham.



Cotton's Corner

Holidays are all about relaxing right? Nothing better than a good book or a snooze outside soaking up the sunshine. Because of my pale complexion I must be very careful not to get my ears and nose sunburnt. "My humans" have a special sunblock for me called Filta Clear which means I am well protected from getting skin cancer. Human sunblock is too toxic for us animals so if you are sensitive to the sun like me then send "your people" in to your nearest Blue Cross Veterinary Centre for some animal friendly sunblock today.

I am lucky because "my staff" are available 24/7 over the holidays.....I hope "your humans" have you well cared for if they are away.....

...Cotton