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Ahhhh yes spring is here! Gosh I do love this time of year – all the cute baby animals arriving. There's also the gorgeous sunshine, perfect to curl up in and have a well deserved snooze, or to do a spot of bird watching (only watching of course, I've been told not to touch).

My people here at the Veterinary Centre are very busy at the moment, out and about helping to deliver all those

new fur babies that need a little assistance, but they're still very keen to help out any of you young humans if you need any advice on rearing your brand new pets! So if you're looking for any tips on how to best care for those new found friends, make sure your big people pop down to see us at any of our clinics and we'll be only too

happy to help. Enjoy the sunshine! ... Cotton

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Our doors are closed but we can supply essential services and supplies to keep your animals healthy ... medical emergencies are our priority.

Level 3

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Level 2

We will have the doors open again but will have procedures in place to ensure everyones safety, including 2m spacing. Follow direction.

Consultations

You need to book ahead as usual and we will advise what the protocol is at the time. Zoom consults or over the phone may be the only option available.

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Rearing Pet Lambs

Having children rear and care for a pet lamb 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.

Some basic necessities to help your child successfully rear healthy pet lambs are:

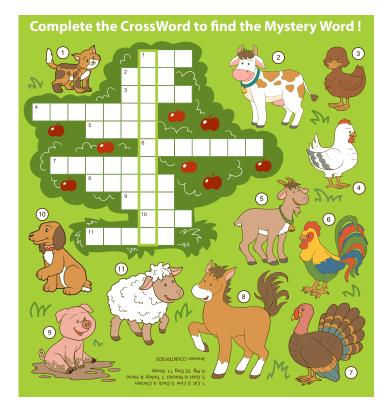
- · A warm, clean, dry and draught free environment to live in
- Unrestricted access to drinking water
- · Colostrum if the lamb is found less than 24 hours old
- A good quality Lamb Milk Replacer 1 lamb will consume approximately 10kg of Milk Replacer from birth to weaning. It is important to stick to the recommended feeding guidelines on the back of the packet to reduce the risk of complications.

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 friends.

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Interesting Case

Atopy - The Return of the Itchy Pet

For some pet owners, winter is a welcome reprieve from seasonal itchiness in their pets and with the return of the warmer weather scratching, ear infections, overgrooming and incessant licking of the feet returns.



Abby Robertson BVSc

Atopy is a condition similar to hay fever that is caused by a hypersensitivity to inhaled environmental allergens. In animals this more commonly affects the skin rather than the airways. Dogs with atopy chew, lick and scratch all over, especially on the feet and face. Saliva will often stain light coloured hairs, resulting in orange or reddish brown hair. Dogs may also scratch and rub around the eyes and ears, their armpits, groin or the inside of the thighs. Cats commonly overgroom causing thinning of the fur, especially around the stomach and thighs.

It is never too early to come to see us at the Veterinary Centre if your pet suffers from itchiness, smelly skin/ears or overgrooming. Skin testing is a fundamental part of assessing what is happening on the surface of your pet's skin and ruling out other conditions that may present in similar ways. Treatment is then catered to the needs of each individual patient and may include medication, bathing, a special diet and/or flea control. A couple of newer therapies have made management easier and are very effective in the right patients. Early intervention can help prevent secondary changes to the skin (e.g., thickening, deep infection) that make ongoing treatment more difficult. We can also talk about whether your pet is a candidate for referral for skin testing and immunotherapy. The team at the Veterinary Centre are here to help.





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Replacer for Lambs A high quality blend to support the

