

ANIMAL HEALTH CENTER

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Hi Animal Friends

Welcome to our second newsletter. Young Debbie (the other half of the business) has been a little waylaid on getting this out to you. She is spending more of her time in the dispensary mixing potions and lotions for itchy dogs and scratchy cats, in between chatting up our customers who just love the selection of food we offer.

Now that the locals know we don't fly on broomsticks we seem to have two types of clients; those that welcome a return to the old wisdoms and ways of caring for our family and pets and those who are delighted to find an alternative to the incessant drug, more drugs and yet more drug picture so common in these times.

It has been an absolute delight observing the change in both owners and animals as real food, herbal medicine, homeopathic and a holistic approach demonstrate their power in restoring health. And its not complicated, most times it just means a fraction more time in the kitchen!

We love hearing from our pets in far away places and have an excellent understanding with the local postal service when we say the word ...

f a s t...!!

Enjoy this issue, have a go at our competition. You have 14 days to answer

the not-the million-dollar-questions and check out the prizes!

Sandy Urwin



ADVICE FOR THE LAMBING SEASON

With lambing underway in most areas of the North Island it is helpful to know what is especially suited for these animals .

Homeopathic remedies are by far the most economical, the quickest acting and the easiest for you to use. Buy your homeopathic remedies in a liquid - easy to use in the troughs and easy to use in a spray atomiser. The great stand-by, RESCUE REMEDY . can be given with your other remedies; a valuable role in reviving cold or sick lambs. The homeopathic remedy Pulsatilla, is the 'constitutional' remedy for all sheep i.e. it will effect an overall improvement in the flock. It is also of use when the milk flow in nursing mother is decreasing.

PREGNANCY TOXAEMIA

Often seen in the multi-gravid ewe with inadequate nutrition in the later stages of pregnancy, caused by an imbalance between the lamb's demand for glucose and the ewes inability to supply it. The ewe may be found disorientated, collapsed or convulsing. Give glycerol by mouth and Lycopodium 1M 4 x daily until response is seen.

LAMBING DIFFICULTIES

Caulophyllum 30 . Give once a week for the last 4 weeks of pregnancy to assist the pelvic ligaments facilitate birth. It eases the dilatation of the

cervix in the first stage and tones up the uterine muscles for second stage labour. It also assists with expulsion of the placenta.

If the membranes have been retained then use SECALE (membranes have a brownish discharge), or Pulsatilla (yellow/green discharge), Sepia (white discharge) or Sabina if a bright red bloody discharge. Give the homeopathic Pyrogen if there is any hint of infection.

LAMBS AT BIRTH

For a protracted birth where your lamb has difficulty getting sufficient oxygen and appears weak and blue give a dose of Laurocerasus 200. If collapsed as well use your Carbo Veg. every 2-5 mins if necessary. All lambs should be given a single dose of Pyrogen 30 after birth as a matter of infection precautions.

Even if you can give the remedy once, it just may save a life and reduce the numbers of orphan lambs or motherless ewes.

We have all of the above remedies plus others especially for the sheep farmer.

By Sandy Urwin

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WHY IT ALL WENT WRONG?

A bank officer recently heard the following explanation for a farmers financial trouble.

"It all started back in '67 when they changed from pounds to dollars - me bloody overdraft doubled.

Then they brought in kilograms instead of pounds - me bloody wool clip dropped by half.

They then changed rain to millimeters and we haven't had an inch of rain since.

They bought in Celsius, and it never got over 40 degrees, no wonder me wheat wouldn't grow.

Then they changed acres to hectares and I end up with half the bloody land I had. By this time I'd had it, and decided to sell out. I got the place in the agents hands when they changed from miles to kilometers.

Now, I'm too far out of town for anyone to buy the bloody place."



We'd love to meet you - Check out our microchip savvy cat doors at stand #82.

Sept 18th - 19th, 10am - 5pm

COMMON PLANTS THAT ARE POISONOUS TO DOGS

Amaryllis (bulb)	Oleander
Andromeda	Peach
Apple Seeds (cyanide)	Philodendron
Arrow grass	Poison Ivy
Avocado (leaves)	Privet
Azalea	Rhododendron
Bittersweet	Rhubarb
Boxwood	Snow on the Mountain
Buttercup	Stinging Nettle
Caladium	Toadstool
Castor Bean	Tobacco
Cherry Pits (cyanide)	Tulip (Bulb)
Chokeberry	Walnut
Climbing Lily	Wisteria
Crown of Thorns	Yew
Daffodil (bulb)	
Daphne	
Delphinium	
Dieffenbachia	
Dumb Cane	
Elephant Ear	
English Ivy	
Elderberry	
Foxglove	
Hemlock	
Holly	
Hyacinth (bulb)	
Hydrangea	
Iris (bulb)	
Japanese Yew	
Jasmine (berries)	
Jerusalem Cherry	
Jimson Weed	
Laburnum	
Larkspur	
Laurel	
Locoweed	
Marigold	
Marijuana	
Mistletoe (berries)	
Monkshood	
Mushrooms	
Narcissus (bulb)	
Nightshade	



GRAPE/RAISIN POISONING IN DOGS

Since 1998, an increasing number of dogs have been reported to suffer from acute renal failure after eating grapes or raisins.

In ten cases that were studied, the dogs ingested >3g/kg of Dry Matter of grapes or raisins, and the most consistent histopathological lesion was tubular degeneration and necrosis, most severe in the proximal tubules.

Because the basement membranes remain intact, recovery may be possible if the acute renal failure is aggressively managed.

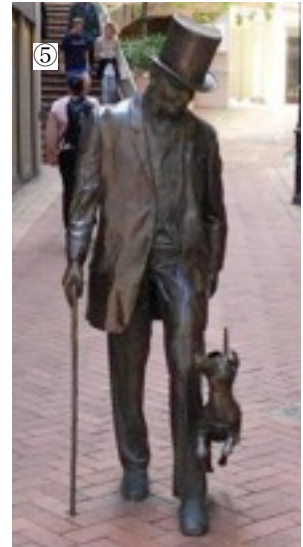
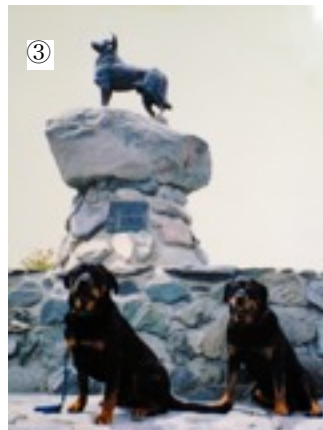
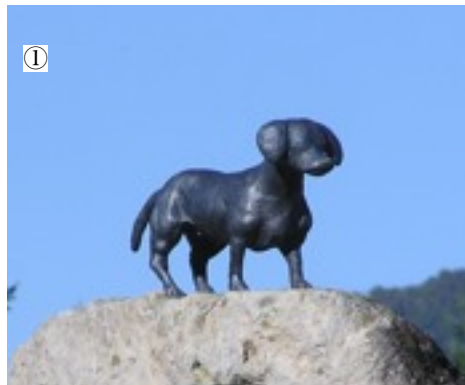
The clinical signs reported with the ingestions of raisins by dogs included: vomiting, anorexia, lethargy and occasionally abdominal pain.

The clinical pathology changes included increased Blood/Urea/Nitrogen (BUN), Creatinine, Phosphorus and Calcium, with low urine output; consistent with acute renal failure.

Additional research is required to identify the toxic principle, and to further assess its pathophysiology and effects not only in the dog, but other domestic species as well. It might be worth keeping this in mind with the Christmas cake season approaching!



DOG STATUE COMPETITION



CLUES:

1. A real smelly place
2. A Hunter of the town kind, near the gumboot capital
3. Where the Shepherd watches over a snow-fed lake
4. NZ's latest town of murders
5. A windy hive of activity

DOG STATUE COMPETITION - ENTRY FORM
Must be in by 15th September 2010.

Place where statue is erected

- 1.....
- 2.....
- 3.....
- 4.....
- 5.....

Name _____

Address _____

Ph. _____ e-mail:.....

1ST DRAW	Family ticket to Auckland Pet & Animal Expo (2 Adults, 2 Children)	\$25.00
	Relaxation Massage (any Friday)	\$25.00
	Pet Food of your choice	\$15.00

2ND DRAW	Relaxation Massage (any Friday)	\$25.00
	Pet Food of your choice	\$10.00

3RD DRAW	Relaxation Massage (any Friday)	\$25.00
	Pet Food of your choice	\$10.00

PLEASE SEND YOUR ENTRY FORM WITH YOUR ANSWERS TO:

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