

JOKE OF THE MONTH



A wealthy man decided to go on a safari in Africa. He took his faithful pet dachshund along for company. One day, the dachshund starts chasing butterflies and before long the dachshund discovers that he is lost.

So, wandering about, he notices a leopard heading rapidly in his direction with the obvious intention of having him for lunch. The dachshund thinks, "I'm in deep trouble now!" Then he noticed some bones on the ground close by, and immediately settles down to chew on the bones with his back to the approaching cat.

Just as the leopard is about to leap, the dachshund exclaims loudly, "Boy, that was one delicious leopard. I wonder if there are any more around here."

Hearing this, the leopard halts his attack in mid-stride, as a look of terror comes over him, and slinks away into the trees.

"Whew," says the leopard. "That was close. That dachshund nearly had me."

Meanwhile, a monkey, who had been watching the whole scene from a nearby tree, figures he can put this knowledge to good use and trade it for protection from the leopard. So, off he goes.

But the dachshund saw him heading after the leopard with great speed, and figured that something must be up.

The monkey soon catches up with the leopard, spills the beans and strikes a deal for himself with the leopard. The leopard is furious at being made a fool of and says, "Here monkey, hop on my back and see what's going to happen to that conniving canine."

Now the dachshund sees the leopard coming with the monkey on his back, and thinks, "What am I going to do now?" But instead of running, the dog sits down with his back to his attackers, pretending he hasn't seen them yet. And, just when they get close enough to hear, the dachshund says:

"Where's that darn monkey? Sent him off half an hour ago to bring me another leopard."

CASE STUDY

Ferrari

Sydney Silkie X Australian Terrier, 14 years old.

Ferrari's blood test results were so bad he was recommended to be euthanised. His test showed his ALP (Alkaline Phosphatase - gives indication of liver function) was 1861 Units per Litre, the normal range for a dog is 10.6 - 100.7 Units per Litre.

Ferrari was being vaccinated yearly, given chemical flea control on a 6 weekly basis, was being fed dry food and had been given antibiotics.

Ferrari's abdomen was so distended that for the past three weeks he could hardly walk and eating was difficult. He constantly licked his paws and just lay on the cold floor.

His diet was changed to just TRIPE, and given the herbs Cleavers for drainage, and a combination of liver/digestive herbs. His homeopathic remedies were given twice daily for three days. On the fourth day he was running about, tummy in, tail up, a sparkle back in his eye. He is not to have any more chemicals, and we will soon vary his diet as he progresses. His owner is thrilled to have him free from suffering.



BEFORE TREATMENT



AFTER TREATMENT

FEED YOUR DOG TRIPE!

It smells absolutely awful, but dogs love it as much as kids love ice-cream. Unlike the Tripe which you see in supermarkets that is white in colour and has absolutely no nutritional value because it has been cleaned and bleached, the green tripe has not been through this process so it still contains the partially digested stomach contents of herbivores (e.g. cattle and sheep) making the tripe enzyme rich. Green tripe helps with your dogs digestion, improves coat condition, reduces skin problems, provides more energy and improves general overall health. Green tripe really is the best food you could ever feed your dog. So what are you waiting for, change your dogs diet, get him off that dry food that is full of salt and sugar, and give him some real food, he will love you for it!



Green Tripe is available at The Animal Health Centre in either 1kg bulk bags (good if you have big dogs or more than one dog) and also in 1kg patty packs which are great for smaller dogs. We also have a great selection (the best in Rodney) of other meats such as rabbit, veal, chicken, minced heart, venison and possum.

WHEN DISASTER STRIKES



Yet another natural disaster strikes; Christchurch is the most recent at time of writing. While people wait in airports, motels, in make- shift camps, perhaps they will spend time thinking about 'the next time something like this happens, will I be prepared?'

Sometimes it is not the disaster itself but the long-term effects that cause the anguish and suffering. When the Icelandic volcano Katla erupted in 1918 entire farms of sheep and cattle were killed; the Laki volcano erupted in 1798 pouring over 17 mega tonnes of sulphur dioxide into the atmosphere every 3 days, a toxin that was to kill plants and vegetation for thousands of kilometres and with that, came the death of 8 out of 10 sheep and half the cattle and horses. As the cloud spread over the UK, famine followed and thousand of people and animals lost their lives.

In the latest eruption in mid April mud and soil spewing from the crater smothered animals unable to flee from the 4km in 30 minute mudslide; fluorine-laden ash affected their respiratory and digestive systems, creating fatal haemorrhages from the corrosive acid. Fluorine binds calcium in the blood stream and in just a few short days bones can become frail and teeth crumble. When that volcano erupted many of the animals were heavily pregnant and fears were held for the newborn.

Even if you have a lifestyle block or farm it is the wise owner who will take time to plan should the challenge of a disaster present itself on the doorstep.

Paddocks – location - possible flood, mudslide, rock falls; availability of shelter, protection; are fences going to be an asset or a hindrance. If gates were flung open, would the animals be aware of that; would they head away or towards impending disaster? Could you control that? If kept in the paddock how much feed / fresh water, would be available if you were forced to abandon the place. Is placement of your feed shed well thought out? What would be your contingency plan - with family, neighbours, Civil Defence - does anyone know what to do in your absence?

Kennels – construction, location -could your dogs remain in their runs in the event of a flood or earthquake. If you were unable to return home for 48 hours would your dogs have access to water (properly secured) and shelter.

Are your dogs capable of being attended to by neighbours, civil defence without compromising their rescuers' safety? Do you have leads, muzzles, ropes?

If your dogs/cats are kept inside are there places for them to hide under (tables, beds).

Do you have a sign on the door saying 'Animals Inside' for Civil Defence?

Do you have an active neighbourhood watch or know the neighbours' names, phone numbers; are these in a prominent place. Who knows you have dogs, cats or other animals?

Make a special pack for your animal supplies that is separate but alongside your own.

Remember to replace goods every 3 months.

Water bottles

Food – packs of canned or dried – remember dry food will need extra water to feed but is of course lighter to carry.

Restraints – leads, muzzles, collars.

Medical supplies – special needs i.e. insulin, thyroid medication (keep a small store)

Stretchy bandaging, old clean towelling, eye pads, scissors, packaging tape, bottle of meths (steriliser instead of water), non-iodised salt, colloidal silver (wash for wounds, eye wash, given internally for infections).

First Aid Kit

Emergency homeopathic remedies, used correctly, will act super fast for owner and animal. I prefer liquid remedies, easier to administer at the bitey end in an emergency. (No dog or cat is going to be told to suck a tablet!). Our First Aid Pack for pets and people covers all emergency situations.

Physical Trauma

(Crush Injuries, Strains, Sprains, Bruises)

Emotional Trauma

(Shock, Hysteria, Anxiety, Grief, Travel sickness)

Systemic Support

(Allergic Reactions, Tetanus, Pain)

Revival Remedy

(Fluid loss, Head Injuries, Respiratory Distress, Collapse)

Gastric Support

(Vomiting, Diarrhoea, Constipation, Food Upsets)

Wound Remedy

(Cuts, Puncture Wounds, Pad & Skin Trauma, Eye Injuries)

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