

# AnimalCare Newsletter

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## AnimalCare News

Spring has arrived and as we say goodbye to winter, we also have to say farewell to our lovely vet nurse Lorna. Lorna has been with us for about two years. She has now moved to Bulls with her partner and will be working at a vet clinic in Levin. We wish her all the very best for the future, she will be missed!

Our vet nurse Kirsty has returned from parental leave. Her 2<sup>nd</sup> daughter Lily was born in April and is a very smiley happy baby.

Vet nurse Kim & her partner Bryce have recently welcomed a feline addition to their family. Burmese kitten Yasi has settled in well and is a very busy bundle of energy.

Haley, another of our vet nurses, has adopted two pet rabbits, which her three boys are enjoying a lot.

Karen's dog Bow had a terrible accident a few months ago. Read about his amazing recovery on page two. On page three we have a great kitten value pack offer.

The clinic has purchased a new ultrasound machine which means we can scan in greater detail. Our kennels have also had a facelift with repairs to the floors and a fresh coat of paint.

We hope you enjoy reading the rest of our newsletter!

## Registering & Updating Microchip Details

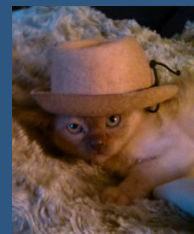
Microchips are a fantastic tool for identifying lost pets and reuniting them with their owners. However, if the information is not registered on a national database or the details are not up to date, having a microchip becomes almost pointless. Most vet clinics offer national database registration as part of their microchipping price. However, if your pet was microchipped at the SPCA or pound, the microchipping information will usually only be held by those agencies and isn't accessible to vet clinics. This means that if your pet is found and brought to the clinic it can be difficult or impossible for us to access your contact details, resulting in your pet having to be

transferred to the SPCA or pound.

To check if your pet's microchip is on the national database, go to [www.animalregister.co.nz](http://www.animalregister.co.nz) and enter their microchip number. Your pet's microchip details can be added to the national register by having them scanned at the clinic and filling out a registration form. There is a small fee of \$20.40 for registration. If your pet's details are already registered, it is important to update them if you move house or if your pet is re-homed. Also, if you are going on holiday, make sure you have an alternate contact listed in case your pet goes missing while you're away.



Kirsty's 2<sup>nd</sup> daughter Lily who was born in April



Kim's new Burmese Kitten Yasi



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## Promotions & Freebies:

Get a pet groomer with any pack of Frontline Plus. →



← Get a free chew ball with any bag of Eukanuba 3kg or larger.



↑ Free kong toy with Hill's Prescription Diet t/d dental care food

Get a free single treatment with every 3 pack of Nexgard or Nexgard Spectra purchased. →



## Bow Learns To Walk Again

On the sixth of July Karen's dog, Bow, was enjoying a game of fetch in the garden. While running after his ball, Bow slipped over. There was a terrible cry and suddenly Karen could see that both of his back legs were paralysed. She immediately rushed him into the clinic. Nicky (vet) and Lorna (nurse) were on duty, and rapidly came to his aid. He was given strong pain killers, and sedated so that x-rays of his spine could be taken.

The x-rays revealed that Bow had some calcified intervertebral disks in his spinal column, which were likely the cause of his paralysis. The calcified disks could have caused two potential problems. The first being herniation of the disk material pushing on his spinal cord. The second could be a fibrocartilagenous embolism (FCE) in which some of the disk material enters the blood vessels of the spinal cord, blocking the blood supply.

Bow's prognosis was extremely guarded and it was impossible to know if he

would ever be able to walk again. Bow was kept on a drip of constant pain relief. The next day we could see some of the reflexes in Bow's hind limbs returning. He was still unable to stand, and needed to be turned every few hours to avoid pressure sores.

After 48 hours in the hospital, we were all amazed to find Bow standing in his kennel! His left leg was strong enough to bear weight, however his right was still badly paralysed. After six days of staying in the hospital, Bow was strong enough to go back home. At this stage he was able to walk around on three legs, but his left hind leg was still paralysed and would drag behind him.

It has been a long journey, but Bow has slowly learnt to walk using both of his back legs. He has regular visits to an animal physiotherapist, who also does acupuncture on Bow. Karen does daily exercises with him to strengthen and train his left hind leg to walk again. He is now able to do short 15 minute walks down the street, which he is really



Bow wearing his custom-made harness to help hold his foot up as he leans to walk again

enjoying. Bow is now back to his normal cheeky self, and Karen needs to make sure he doesn't try to overdo things!

Bow and Karen would like to thank everyone for their kind messages of support. Bow actually has his own facebook page where he has raised over \$10,000 for animal charities throughout NZ. If you would like to follow Bow's progress, just head over to [www.facebook.com/bowspaws](http://www.facebook.com/bowspaws)

## Problem Solving Products



Don't be caught short while walking your canine friend. This waste bag dispenser attaches to any dog lead so you have waste bags at hand when you need them.

\$13.80

Cat Lax is a palatable laxative paste that can be added to your cat's food or applied to the back of their paw. Cat Lax reduces vomiting caused by fur balls – great to have on hand at this time of year when your cat is moulting more than usual.



\$19.60

\$14.50

These lint rollers make it quick and easy to remove pet fur from clothes and furniture. Refills are also available.



# KITTEN VALUE PACK OFFER

Adopting a kitten?

This pack includes all of the basic kitten essentials you will need at a great discounted price!



## ONLY \$69.90!

NORMALLY \$90.80

### The pack includes:

- 1 x carry cage
- 1 x 700g bag of Iams Kitten
- 1 x litter tray
- 1 X 7L bag of cat litter
- 1 x double bowl
- 1 x toy ball
- 1 x Iams Kitten Pack



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