



Otaki Veterinary Centre & Otaki Animal Health

## Newsletter – August 2017

### News from the clinic

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CHECK OUT OUR NEW WEBSITE...

[www.otakivets.com](http://www.otakivets.com)



Phone: (06) 3646941 or (06) 3647089  
Email: [contact@otakivets.co.nz](mailto:contact@otakivets.co.nz)

### IV FLUIDS

You may have heard us talking about i.v. fluids or seen it on your pet's surgery's invoice and wondered what it is all about.

Well, i.v. stands for intra-venous and means that the fluids are being administered directly into the blood system through a vein. We use this in sick animals, which get "put on a drip", while staying in our clinic for treatment, and in surgical cases.

If your pet has been off their food and water, has had ongoing diarrhea, vomiting or has another condition causing it to be dehydrated we use i.v. fluids to get their fluid levels back up to normal.

During anaesthesia your pet's blood pressure drops and does not supply the vital organs ( i.e. liver, kidney, heart, brain ) as well as normal. Depending on how much decrease there is this can cause damage and affect the organ's ability to function properly.

By giving i.v. fluids we are increasing the volume of blood & fluid running through the blood vessels and therefore increasing the blood pressure, keeping it at a level that supports all organs and avoids any potential damage.

In young animals the risks of a decreased blood pressure are less than in elderly animals, however we recommend any pet undergoing surgery to be placed on i.v. fluids as a precaution.

### SPECIALS & DEALS this month



Grab the last few bags of  
**\$10-\$20 off**  
Hills Vet Essential  
- while stock lasts



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If you need **prescription** items please contact us first with **24 hours notice**, so we can have your order vet checked and ready for when you come in. You can pre-order dog/cat food as well.

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email : [contact@otakivets.co.nz](mailto:contact@otakivets.co.nz)

**\$ 2 off** every bag of

- Veggie Dent Dental Chews
- C.E.T Animal Toothpaste
- C.E.T Oral Hygiene Kits



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### OPENING HOURS

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday – 8:00AM – 5:30PM  
Tuesday – 8:00AM – 6:00PM  
Saturday – 9:00AM – 1:00PM

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