

help boost Cody's immune system, to get his body to naturally rebalance and to stop his infection. We also put him on a herbal tonic to help his joints and detoxify his body.

We made some adjustments to his diet to exclude grains and red meat (these can sometimes aggravate skin conditions), added in a multivitamin as well as antioxidants to help combat damage by free radicals (which often compromise the immune system and may cause damage to joints and other tissues in the body).

We increased the amount of probiotics in his diet to help restore his body's "good bugs" which can assist in combatting infection.

Cody came back three weeks later and he'd hardly been scratching or chewing at his paws and was much happier in himself. His eyes were brighter, the mucous had gone, his coat was a lot less flaky and he smelled almost normal, indicating that we were making good progress with his skin.

His movement was still stiff so we repeated the NIS treatment, this time paying closer attention to his spine and hind legs. After this treatment, Cody's movement improved and he was able to walk around smoothly with much less discomfort.

Over the following months, he continued to make good progress. Although he occasionally has mild relapses, Eileen manages to keep his symptoms under control and recently said that "his coat looks fabulous and he trots around like a sprightly youngster with attitude".

Itchy skin conditions can be extremely frustrating for pets, their owners and their vets. Although some dogs may need drugs such as steroids or antihistamines to manage a serious itchy skin condition, many options are available to help get to the root of the problem and reduce or eliminate the need for these drugs.

To help ensure a successful outcome, the sooner these are applied, the better. 🐾



Jill Robinson coming to New Zealand

ACCLAIMED animal welfare advocate and Animals Asia CEO Jill Robinson (above) will visit New Zealand in June to address a public forum.

Regular *Animals' Voice* readers will know Jill from our many stories about her inspirational work with bile bears at her Animals Asia sanctuary in China. Readers have also raised significant amounts of money to aid the sanctuary.

Bile farmers extract bile from live Asiatic black bears (moon bears) for use in traditional Chinese medicine. More than 14,000 bears are kept in tiny cages across Asia for this purpose. Animals Asia has rescued more than 380 bears from China and Vietnam since it was established in 1998.

The June 13 event will give the audience the chance to hear Jill's latest news about Chinese support for the eradication of bear bile farming.

"This year we've witnessed rapidly growing opposition from within the Chinese population," she says. "It's encouraging that the push to end the practice is being strengthened by a growing band of prominent Chinese including lawyers, actors, sportspeople and animal rights advocates."

"This support gives us great cause for hope that the Chinese authorities can be convinced to finally shut the industry down."

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WHEN	6.30pm, June 13, 2012
WHERE	Novotel Ellerslie, 72-112 Green Lane Rd East, Remuera, Auckland
COST	Tickets \$50 pp
TO BOOK	Phone 0800 728 323 or online at www.animalsasia.org/au