

PRECIOUS PETS

Understanding your pets' body conditioning score

the vet they will be weighed and given a body condition score.



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This is a score that ranges between one and nine, with one being emaciated and nine being obese.

A score of four or five indicates the healthy body condition. There are charts with pictures and descriptions to help score a pet.

A pet with a BCS of four will have an easily visible waist and neck, the ribs will have a thin fat covering but the ribs will be able to be felt but not visible.

Achieving and maintaining healthy body condition scores has



ANIMAL ANECDOTES

With Anne Shilston from Papamoa Village Vets

proven to reduce the risk of illness and add to longevity and general wellbeing.

Regular monitoring of body weight and body condition score is important and can help pick up on changes quickly.

A balanced diet is vital to keep pets at their ideal BSC of four to five.

Nutrition is so important to pet health that the World Small

Animal Vet Association has named it the fifth vital sign along with temperature, pulse, respiration and pain.

At Tauranga Vets we believe in evidence-based nutrition.

This means that the diets we recommend have undergone stringent analysis and food trials to make sure they are a complete and balanced diet for your pet.

The best nutrition for your pet depends on their stage of life, breed and any particular health concerns and of course their weight. Bring your cat or dog in for a BCS and nutritional assessment to set them up to be the healthiest they can be.

Give us on call on: 0800 838 7267 to make an appointment or to discuss any concerns.

Sustainable health care for our furry friends

It's becoming commonplace these days for people and businesses to become environmentally responsible and minimise the impact that they make on nature.



PET TALK

with Dr Liza Schneider

and a hard place for example a pet with auto-immune disease that is treated with immuno-suppressant drugs acquires a urinary tract infection only sensitive to an antibiotic such as gentamycin and then develops drug-induced renal failure.

Our striving as scientists to quantify and quality manipulate and control natural systems ultimately brings us to a point of no return, a place where healthcare systems for many health conditions for which our animal patients suffer are not sustainable.

It never ceases to amaze me that when the body gets the nutrients that it needs and health is supported we can often make a big difference to improve the quality of life of our patients and their humans!

This is a sustainable approach to healthcare and may be achieved by respecting natural principles.

Sustainability is a vastly important factor in the way that we all conduct our activities if we are to provide future generations with a healthy planet.

As vets we have an added responsibility to consistently review and refine our practices so that the healthcare of our patients encourages their long-term health and well-being as opposed to simply treating and managing symptoms.

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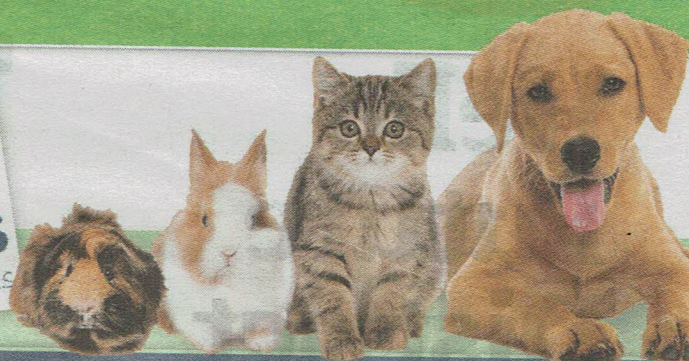
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