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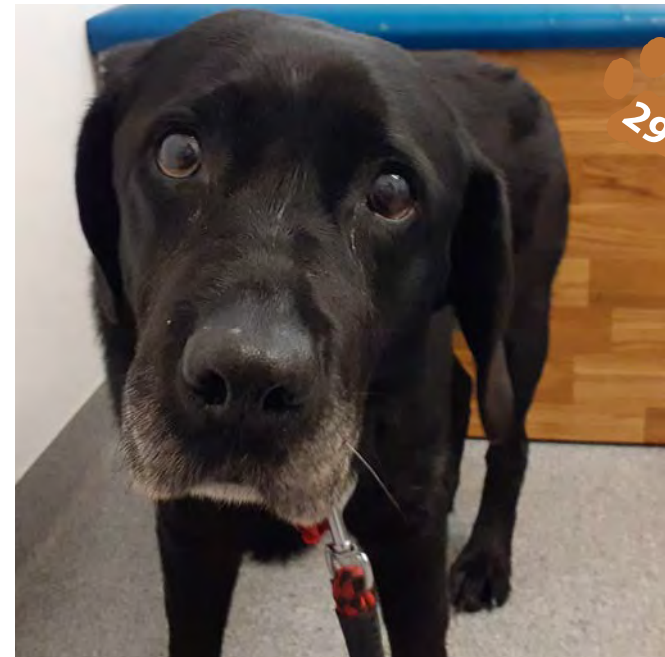
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Front Cover:

Brooklyn Lundy supplied this dramatic photo of her Ibizan Hound, two-year-old Sarren (Senjabi A Journey Blessed) on a Taranaki beach. Sarren, was bred by Christine Small, Senjabi Kennel, on the South Island. You can find Brooklyn on Instagram and Facebook showing off both her dogs (she also has a Hungarian Vizsla), and her photography — @redhunt pups.



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From the President...

The fifth Dogs New Zealand FCI CACIB show was held in Christchurch in early August. Although entries were disappointing, we were delighted to see visitors from across the country participating with quite a number completing the requirements for their CIB (International Beauty Champion). Congratulations to you all.

We were endeavouring to hold a CACIB show in the lower North Island early in 2024 but unfortunately the only available date didn't allow sufficient time to prepare the large amount of paperwork involved. We will continue to look for a suitable free date to hold a show in the area. Already plans are well advanced for three more CACIB shows in 2024, two in the northern half of the North Island and one in the South Island.

I recently attended the funeral of a friend who showed German Shepherds many years ago and I was struck by the fact that I was probably the only one there that remembered him in the ring and active in his club. As exhibitors, we lose track of one another over the years and individual contributions to the dog world are all but forgotten. This is quite sad in many respects. How will your contribution be remembered? Will it be as someone who actively contributed to the success of your club? Will it be as someone who bred great dogs and encouraged others to use your lines and take the future of the breed forward? Or will it be as someone who contributed nothing to the dog world, who jealously guarded their bloodlines so that they died along with them? Food for thought.

The membership of our club has been static for a couple of years, at around 5000 members. Well down from a decade ago when membership was almost double that number. Here is something for you to consider. If we all signed up one member from each litter, our membership would increase by 35% in the first year. Such an increase in numbers would reduce the financial burden on the club and the need to constantly seek higher membership fees.

Plans are well advanced for the National Dog Show, NDTA and the NZDAC. These three events are the highlight of the Dogs New Zealand calendar and I wish all those competing success and clear rounds. 🐾

Brian Harris
President

At the end, it's not about what you have or even what you've accomplished. It's about who you've lifted up, who you've made better. It's about what you've given back.

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CANINE CORNER

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Animal issues for the election

New Zealanders will be voting next month to decide the composition of the government for the next three years. I think most readers will be very aware of this as, if your neighbourhood is anything like mine, there are election hoardings everywhere and pre-election polls are covered every week by new outlets in TV, radio and print.

When I wrote about the election in 2017 for this magazine, I interviewed the leaders of the political parties about the dogs in their life. By the time the column went to print, the leaders of the Green and Labour parties had been replaced. For this election, I have chosen instead to focus on animal welfare issues that you may want to raise with your chosen candidate/political party.

Here are the top three issues of an animal welfare agenda:

Private sale of fireworks

Each year, in the days leading up to Guy Fawkes and afterwards, I see petitions online asking for the government of the day to ban private sales or mandate the use of only silent fireworks.

Every year, there are stories published about animals traumatised or injured as a direct result of the use of fireworks. Companion animals are not the only animals affected by fireworks: Auckland and Wellington Zoos have, for example, called for a ban to protect the animals and birds in their care.

Fireworks are also a public safety issue with the misuse of fireworks regularly causing scrub and house fires combined with the associated risk of injury.

In addition, private fireworks are a single use material that ends up in landfills. New Zealand has now banned many single use plastics for the same reason.

Greyhound racing

The current government said the industry was 'on notice' until December 2022. The Minister of Racing, Kieran McNulty, publicly released two reports by the Racing Integrity Board in May 2023 but has said that any decisions on racing by a Labour-led government would not occur until after the election.

The Racing Integrity Board has found that slow progress has only been made in the industry because it has been closely monitored. No funding is available for the Board (or any other entity) to take on an oversight role on an ongoing basis.

A Parliamentary Commissioner for Animals

A special role modelled after the Parliamentary Commissioner for the Environment and the Commissioner for Children, the

Commissioner role would have broad powers to investigate animal welfare concerns independent of the government of the day. A Parliamentary Commissioner reports directly to Parliament and not a government minister.

Advocates for this role are concerned that the Ministry of Primary Industries is not qualified to oversee the broad range of animal welfare issues in modern day New Zealand because its focus is on export and agricultural animals. To truly implement the Animal Welfare Act 1999, animals need a powerful voice, say proponents which include SAFE and the SPCA. 🐾



Greyhound Sox, sporting his Anti Greyhound Racing Club shirt, lobbies Christchurch MP Duncan Webb.

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NEUTER CLASSES

I am very disappointed to note that this year an increasing number of clubs are choosing not to include neuter classes within their show schedules. The reason I have received for this is that neuter classes add too much time to the length of show. However, this excuse just does not wash with me as other clubs are continuing to embrace the neuter classes.

As a member who has recently paid their membership fee to Dogs New Zealand for the year, it is disappointing to see that there are not going to be many shows for us to attend if this situation remains. I do understand, of course, that currently it is a club's choice whether to hold neuter classes or not, but it does feel like those of us who have fantastic dogs which have had to be neutered for health or other reasons are being unfairly penalised just because we don't currently have an entire dog to show.

It would be a shame if there were biased attitudes being held by club committee members, preventing people like myself who still enjoy showing, but have to travel several hundred kilometres to be able to compete. As an owner of a breed who won Best Neuter in Show at a show when the classes were first introduced in New Zealand, and where I had the absolute privilege and thrill on that occasion, it feels like the significance of that occasion was all for nothing if the committees are not prepared to continue to embrace the classes 18/18a!

Perhaps it is time to consider neuter classes as a mandatory inclusion in conformation shows, as the playing field currently is far from level? Further food for thought: is it time to allow neuter/spays to compete in their own classes within specialty group and specialty breed shows? I have noted there has been some contention among members regarding neuters competing in the same classes as entires? 🐾

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PD Insurance deepens Dogs NZ partnership, launches **‘DOGS NZ INSURANCE BY PD.CO.NZ’**

Less than six months after announcing a multiyear partnership, PD Insurance and Dogs NZ are strengthening their alliance by introducing a co-branded product offering that provides special benefits to Dogs NZ breeders and members.

The three ‘Dogs NZ Insurance by pd.co.nz’ pet insurance plans echo those provided by PD Insurance to the general market – Accident, Classic and Deluxe.

Policyholders will also benefit from the award-winning personalised customer service of PD Insurance, which aims to turn claims around within two business days.

In addition, those with a Dogs NZ connection will enjoy these big bonuses:

- **4 weeks of free Starter Cover** valued up to \$1,000 for Dogs NZ breeders’ puppy parents, to cover injury and illness, with no excess charged on claims made
- **Up to 3 months’ free cover** for Dogs NZ members who sign up for one of the three plans, with puppies aged between six weeks and 1 year getting the highest amount of cover

A word from the pet insurance partners

PD Insurance Chief Operating Officer Michelle Le Long says that, as advocates for companion animal health and welfare, Dogs NZ and PD share an aligned mission.

“For dogs to live a long and happy life, quality care is necessary right from birth; and with an insurance policy comes great peace of mind around affording quality vet treatment. Launching Dogs NZ Insurance by pd.co.nz is just one way we’re working with Dogs NZ to support and raise awareness of responsible pet parenting,” she says.

Established in 1886 as the country’s national kennel club, Dogs NZ is widely acknowledged as a leader in canine breeding health and welfare. PD Insurance became its principal insurance partner in February, boosting its efforts to help Kiwis protect their dogs’ health and happiness.

Dogs NZ Director Secretary Steven Thompson says the opportunity to develop a co-branded pet insurance product was one of the key reasons for partnering with PD Insurance.

“Launching Dogs NZ Insurance by pd.co.nz is a big milestone for us, signalling another step forward in our 10-year strategic growth plan,” he says.

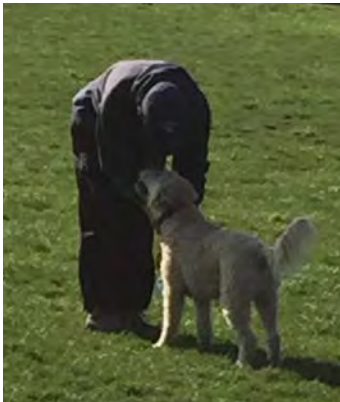
“We are excited to offer a tailored Starter Cover program for our breeders, reinforcing their position as caring professionals who produce quality litters. We are just as excited to provide members with the choice of three cost-effective plans, with the special benefit of up to three months of free cover.”

Let's hear it for Bull breeds!

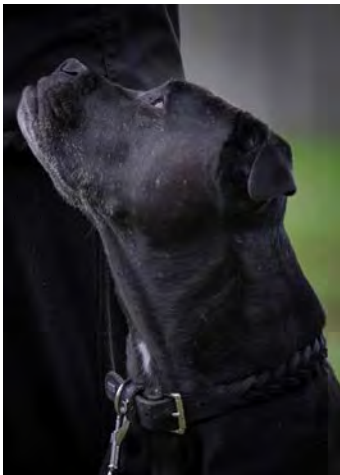
Denise Balloch has to be commended for her achievements in Canine Good Citizen (CGC). Her first CGC awards were Foundation and Bronze with Dixie in October 2014 and her latest were Silver and Gold with Oskar in July 2023. In total Denise has produced five dogs to Gold level and two to Bronze. Six of the dogs Denise has presented for assessments have been either English Bull Terriers or Bull breed cross rescues. Denise has not limited training to CGC. Her dogs have had success in Rally-O, CD and Obedience. This is Denise's story in her words.

Lucy Sandford-Reed

Selwyn Dog Training Club CGC Co-ordinator



After joining the Selwyn Dog Training Club 13 years ago with Dixie, our Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier, Dixie, we were hooked on CGC. Being a SDTC member, I decided to only do my assessments through the club. Since assessments were only held every six months, our journey took a year to achieve. Dixie was easy to train since she wanted to please, and her passing all the stages of CGC was fun for her and me, achieving Gold in 2015.



My next three journeys into CGC became somewhat more difficult after falling in love with the Bull breeds, especially English Bull Terriers, a breed known for being notoriously difficult to train. Our first EBT was Lottie, a little red girl, and she began her CGC career as soon as she was old enough. Tragically we lost Lottie to health issues before sitting any assessments. Tilly, our next EBT, was certainly a challenge, having to sit Bronze assessment twice. Tilly thought running past me and heading to the water race for a quick swim was a better option! Failed... We had to wait for the next round but she went on to gain Silver and Gold without further issue. Tilly also had a rewarding Rally-O and Obedience career.



Our next EBT, Tilly's uncle Tiggy, was even harder work but still

went on to achieve Bronze which was certainly some achievement for him. Tiggy had a wonderful temperament and many times he was the meet and greet dog for others doing CGC assessments. Sadly, Tiggy, is no longer part of our family, dying from liver problems on his 12th birthday on New Year's Eve.

Some of Denise's CGC dogs, top to bottom: Dixie, Stan My Man, Ronald Weasley, and (right) Oskar.

Around 10 years ago I started volunteering at Christchurch Bull Breed Rescue two days a week, walking the ever-growing number of dogs coming through the rescue. It was then we started fostering puppies (and dogs if they fit in with our family). We have fostered over 20 dogs, sometimes only for a week others for six months.

Stan My Man was our first foster and foster fail, a beautiful black boy and a bit of a worrier, he went on to achieve CGC Gold, passing every level first time round. He also has CDX and RAE1 working towards RAE2 and he won out of Obedience beginners in a weekend at Christchurch Dog Training Club Championship Show. Stan still worries but trusts me to keep him safe.

Our next CBBR foster fail was Ronald Weasley, an English Mastiff cross, who wasn't rehome-able due to myriad joint issues. Ronald went on to achieve CGC Bronze. Ronald has played a role in teaching the fosters manners and house rules.

Next up was Lulu, a Staffy/Heading Dog cross who found her forever home at six months old. I maintained contact with her new family and continued to train her, achieving CGC Gold within a year. She has since gained CDX Highest Qualifier.

Our next foster fail, is Oskar an American Staffy cross with maybe Mastiff. Oskar is only 17 months old, training CGC for six months and passing Foundation and Bronze three months ago, then recently achieving Silver and Gold. Oskar has also gained his Rally-O RNB in his first three shows, with placings in every show. He continues to shine in the Obedience ring as well and is a very talented Bull breed.

Oskar was supposed to be our last foster fail, but never say never! Weasley is our latest CBBR puppy adoption, a Neopolitan Mastiff / Great Dane cross with a beautiful nature and the slightly evil habit of surfing the benches for anything he can steal, which are all at eye level, of course. I think this big boy could be my biggest challenge yet in CGC, but he shows promise.

We have six dogs in our family with four of them being foster fails from Christchurch Bull Breed Rescue. They have all been very talented and well-behaved dogs, doing the breed, the rescue and me proud. Bull breeds are very misunderstood and I love getting these boof-heads out and working with them. They have all thrown their own personalities and quirks at me, teaching me so much about dogs. 🐾





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Millie the Australian Shepherd.

Photos supplied by KivaDog Training, Perth.

The sport of Hoopers is taking off around the globe and is one of the fastest growing sports in both the UK and Australia. New Zealand now has the opportunity to bring the sport to our shores.

While relatively new to many countries, Hoopers offers opportunities to dogs and handlers from a wide range of backgrounds, from handlers with physical limitations to dogs who need more forward focus and drive. Hoopers is for everyone!

What is Hoopers?

Hoopers isn't about running around at high speed to control the dog. The sport is much more than that, which is what makes it unique.



Otto the Bernese Mountain Dog.

It's a chance for handlers and dogs of all ages to compete together on a level playing field and have a lot of fun. Hoopers requires the dogs to negotiate a course of hoops, barrels and tunnels relatively independently.

The courses range from basic, straight forward loops to challenging with many changes of directions. In Australia there are two types of competition. One is based on distance handling using verbal and directional cues, and with the other the handler can run with the dog, similar to Agility.

It can be fast and furious, or slow and steady, but the main aim is to go clear!

Who can do Hoopers?

Anyone! Hoopers is aimed at handlers of any age and mobility and any breed, large or small, fast or slow.

Hoopers is fantastic for those who are unable to run and they can teach their dogs to drive around the course with very little movement from themselves.

It is suitable for dogs of all ages including young dogs or older retired Agility dogs. Due to no jumping or tight turns. If your dog is a big or heavy breed then injuries can occur easily in Agility and Hoopers is a great, safe, low-impact alternative.



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Canine Friends Celebrate National Dog Day

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National Dog Day is celebrated on 26 August and gives us the opportunity to reflect on just how special dogs are to us and our everyday lives. Canine Friends Pet Therapy is a New Zealand-wide network of people who share their friendly well-behaved dogs with patients in hospitals and residents in rest homes/hospices. We asked some of our members to share why their dog is so special to them. 🐾



Mandy & Harvey

He is so special as he really is a gentle soul that seems to understand people's need for Spoodle love and he's so willing to give it.

Kevin & Barnaby

My dog is family, my best mate and loved to bits, has a gentle nature, is loving and brings so much happiness to the folks he visits every week.



Arifah & Lukey

My dog is special because he has so much love to give that it would be a disservice not to share his love with others!



Eden & Cleo

My dog is special because she brings unconditional love wherever she goes. It is love free of judgement that always provides a unique source of emotional support that she loves to share with other people who may need it.



Joan & Libby

Libby is special because she loves everyone unconditionally in the Summerset Care Centre, and they love her.

Tracey & Sherlock

Hi, this is Sherlock and he is big ball of floppy fun. We love the smiles he brings to the people he meets. He is definitely a people pooch.



If you and your dog would like to join us, please visit: www.caninefriends.org.nz

Caring for...

Your senior pet

Dr Christine Mackenzie,
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Just like we humans, our pets age gracefully, and parts start to wear out. Common health conditions develop with age so it is important to understand these and be on the lookout.

Dental disease

Most dogs will develop dental disease sooner or later. With observation and care, teeth can be preserved. To summarize my dental article in August 2022's *NZ Dog World*: Get looking, get smelling, get saving and get training those pets to be examined and brushed. Consider their quality of life. Leaving smelly, loose, painful teeth is not an option, and it will have an impact on kidneys and heart.

Lumps

It is quite common for lumps to pop-up as the years go by. Many lumps are innocent — benign — fat lumps under the skin or wart types on the skin. However, sometimes nasty — malignant — lumps arise which have the potential to spread. The *only* way to know what type of lump they are is by vets collecting a needle sample (fine needle aspirate). An informed decision can then be made as to whether or not it needs treating or be removed, usually under anaesthetic, considering the patient's age, other health concerns and finances. Ideally all lumps are removed, and when they are still small. Once a lump becomes large, it's more difficult to get closure, especially on legs.

The other reason why initial testing is essential before removing lumps is that mast cell tumours (MCTs) need a larger margin of skin removed with them, to ensure they are all taken. I usually check under the microscope if there is a good sample of tissue cells (not just blood or fat) before sending it to the lab.

The exception is mammary tumours which intact bitches are prone to. Needle samples are not helpful here and, because we know they can spread to the lungs, they are usually removed ASAP.

Pyometra

This is another condition of intact bitches that can be life-threatening if undetected. It is a serious infection in the uterus that makes them very sick. They can be closed (more serious) or open (creamy discharge draining out the vulva). The easiest treatment once they are stabilised is to be desexed and remove it all.

Urinary incontinence

In contrast to the above, this problem is common in desexed bitches. They often wet their bed or leak when relaxed. A pee sample may be requested to check for infection. The good news is that there are a couple of medications that can help so don't hesitate to seek advice.

Over weight and Obesity

Not only can carrying excess weight influence mobility and quality of life, it can hide deep lumps such as thyroid tumours. It also adds to the stress on joints, especially cruciate ligaments, and can be a risk factor for diabetes and pancreatitis. (*Dog getting weigh-in, right.*)

Arthritis and pain

Inflammation and pain develops depending on the degree of arthritis. A multitude of medications, now in combination, can be



prescribed. X-rays are helpful to rule out other lesions and measure the amount of arthritic change. So many clients come in expecting their senior pets to still go the distance on walks. When I explain the age similarities to people they understand that more frequent shorter walks are better. Adjust their exercise and diet accordingly. Also, with time and use, cruciate ligaments in the stifle (knee) can tear/rupture, especially in larger breeds. Consider the amount of exercise and the surfaces they play on. For example, playing ball on rough terrain or hills adds extra forces on the joints. Don't always assume pain is arthritis. Some bone tumours can present with severe lameness so an x-ray will be needed. It is the



pain consideration that is important here and since these tumours are extremely painful and do spread then amputation is often the best solution.

Geriatric vestibular disease

With similar signs to a middle ear infection in humans, this condition can often be diagnosed by the weird flicking of eyes (nystagmus) and the head tilt that goes with it in 'old' dogs. Clients often ring in a panic, fearing the worst. They think their pet has had a stroke since they are falling over and unbalanced. I don't mind seeing these cases, despite them frequently calling after hours, since there is good news; however it still pays to get them checked by a vet. They usually correct themselves with time without medication. It just relies on nursing at home and helping them adjust to a world on the side for a while! (*Vestibular head tilt, above.*)

Heart

Like other organs mentioned, heart valves can also wear with age, resulting in a heart murmur. Your vet should detect this during its annual vaccinations. Sometimes they are presented to us breathless, which is an emergency. A simple way to monitor at home is to do a resting respiration rate, which should be below 30 breaths per minute. Depending on the stage of the heart disease (assessed by x-rays and possibly blood tests) they may need medication.

Ears and eyes

These can also change with age, and deafness and eye lens degeneration can affect normal responses. I jokingly say they have 'selective hearing'! Teach your dog hand signals early to help with the possible change later in life. Eyes can also deteriorate. We call it degenerative change which is different from the cataracts which we see with diabetes.

Cognitive dysfunction

Yes pets can get a form of dementia too. Medications can help with blood flow to the brain and improve awareness.

So what can pet parents do?

Save up for dentals +/- lumps off. They may be able to be done at the same time if minor. Get lumps checked with a fine needle to be more informed, if on a budget!

Do your own pet check for teeth and feel for lumps. Check for a

vulva discharge in intact bitches.

Adjust the amount of exercise and diet according to the animal's needs. Feed senior diet.

Maintain regular exercise and a routine, for their quality of life. Keep minds active and let them check their 'pmails'.

Help their mobility by adding ramps at home (bed) and car. Give them extra comfortable bedding and consider joint supplements for their joints.

Measure water intake occasionally and if excessive ($>100\text{ml/kg/24hr}$) then collect a pee sample. Your vet can do simple checks, initially for glucose (diabetes), concentration (kidneys, hormonal) and blood (infection or stones).

Start counting resting respiration rate or, even better, sleeping respiration rate. This trains you to watch their breathing pattern and may alert you to the abnormal sooner.

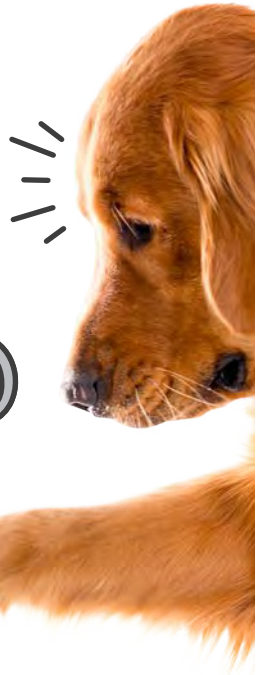
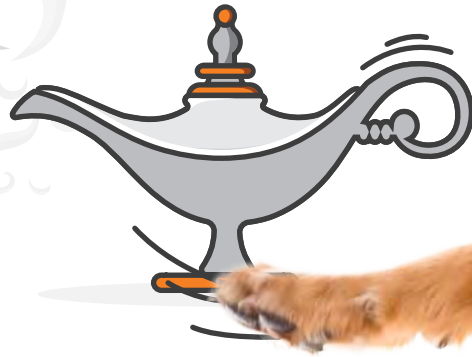
Be aware of sudden wobbly old dogs and don't panic. 🐾

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Busting the Big 5 PET INSURANCE MYTHS



New Zealand is known for having one of the highest rates of pet ownership on the planet. However, while pet ownership has built a reputation over a long time as having many benefits, pet insurance doesn't benefit from a long history and so is still proving itself.

The disparity between the number of pet owners and the proportion who are insured leaves a gap in the ability of the pet owner collective to source quality vet treatment for their pet, quickly and easily without worrying about how they will afford it.

Given pet insurance is still relatively new(ish) and insurance jargon can sometimes be a bit confusing, PD Pet Insurance is all about breaking down the big pet insurance myths.

Pet insurance can be easy to understand and use. As Dogs NZ Pet Insurance by pd.co.nz enters the market as a new offering for pet owners, let's unpack five common myths to see why.

Myth #1: Savings Are Simpler Than Pet Insurance

The obvious question that comes up is 'Why bother having a pet insurance plan for your dog or cat when you can save money yourself instead?'

The answer is three-fold.

- **Out of pocket.** Firstly, you can only spend what you've saved and then the only option is going into debt. Vet bills (like human health costs) can range from hundreds to thousands of dollars due to the nature of the specialised skill set required of vets and the technology and equipment clinics need. For example, recent PD Insurance claims for treatment costs include a \$7,006 bill for a dog ingesting a tennis ball and \$8,996 for a cat with a broken hip.
- **Multiple claims.** Secondly, pets don't get injured and ill within a pre-arranged cycle. Just because you've saved enough to pay that annual unexpected vet visit doesn't prevent your dog or cat from having a series of mishaps. If you've depleted your savings you'll need to start afresh and it may be some time before that nest egg is big

enough to provide adequate cover. Having pet insurance means you can claim multiple times up to your annual policy benefit limit, which may be as high as \$20,000.

- **Vet care costs.** Thirdly, vet treatments are improving with new technology. Your vet might have the life-saving treatment to give your dog or cat a new lease on life but at a price. If your savings don't meet that dollar figure, can you afford to walk away? Pet insurance can provide a soft landing both financially and emotionally because you'll be able to say 'yes' to medical treatments more easily rather than weighing up options.

"Pet insurance is especially valuable because people don't always know how expensive owning a puppy will turn out to be. And by expensive I don't mean unreasonable. It's simply that things are costly these days. Everything's got a high cost behind it and if you want good veterinary care it's going to cost you a lot of money. People don't always know that. Puppies coming home with insurance makes people think about that from day one."

- Dogs NZ Canine Health and Welfare Officer, Rhea Hurley

While it's still a great idea to keep those savings aside, pet insurance can allow you pay just a little each month yet claim on substantial vet bills when you need to.

Myth #2: Healthy Pets Don't Need Insurance

Pet insurance isn't just about giving an animal the vet care they deserve when their health needs it most. It's also about financially protecting you against any damage your pet may do to another person, their pet or their property.

The third-party liability cover in a good pet insurance plan often isn't the key reason for uptake; however, its value can't be underestimated. Even the best-behaved pet may take offence to some stranger or their pet and things can quickly go south, causing harm. Another possibility is damage animals can unintentionally do through foraging, chewing and exploring. If you're at a holiday rental, for example, this could be an unexpected cost not unlike those of home renovations.

Having said this, illness and injury can strike any healthy dog or cat at any time too, regardless of whether they're a mixed breed or pedigree, indoor-only or outdoor most of the time. Recently, a Dogs New Zealand member's dog swallowed rat bait, despite it being stored high up on a shelf and out of reach, leading to unexpected vet costs. Thankfully this pup was insured and treated timeously without any second guesses.

Medical treatment costs and the cost of repairing property and other valuables if your pet is responsible (even accidentally) can be an eyesore on your life savings.

Myth #3: Pet Insurance is an Emotional Choice

Pet insurance is an emotional choice, but also one that's grounded in rational decision-making. Having the financial backing you need to take Bella or Benji to get vet help when they urgently need it is all about financial planning. If anything, it's about making a rational decision upfront to avoid having to make one when you're in a deeply emotional state of mind.

If your dog's been knocked by a car, bitten by another dog, swallowed something that's caused an obstruction or come down with an infection, the last thing you want is to be poking your nose through all your finances trying to see how to make sense of balancing these unforeseen new expenses.

"I think the value and importance of pet insurance is that it avoids you having to make an awful decision when one of your fur babies is ill or injured. Without it, your options may then be leaving the dog in pain and letting nature take its course or you have to euthanise the dog. If there is an opportunity to have surgery to prolong its life or improve it and your insurance cover enables you to do it, that is a marvellous thing to have."

- Dogs NZ Director/Secretary, Steven Thompson

It's at times like these, when a pet is in dire straits, you want your focus to squarely be on keeping them alive and safe and giving them your full attention.

Myth #4: Young Pets Don't Need Pet Insurance

In New Zealand, pet insurance doesn't cover pre-existing conditions. That's not unlike human health insurance, which isn't going to cover costly treatments for a condition you knew about when you signed up. However, pet insurance can cover a broad range of new conditions as they arise - provided pets are already signed up when these develop.

That's why the best time in a pet's life to get them covered is when they're young, healthy and yet to develop any nasties. The basic golden rule is the sooner the better. This way if any hereditary conditions, allergies or other conditions decide to rear their nasty head, you won't be alone when paying for treatment and medication costs.

You'll have lifetime cover from day dot as long as you keep paying the insurance premium on time.

Myth #5: The Biggest Winner in Pet Insurance is the Provider

Pet care is costly. There are no two ways about it. Every vet clinic is a mini hospital that has to fully stock up on medication and special equipment that in human healthcare you'd find spread across a dentist, doctor, optometrist etc. It's a huge undertaking and, unlike human medical treatments, vet treatments aren't subsidised.

"Pet insurance gives vets the security to invest in new technology and services as practice income increases. That means better facilities, better training, and better incomes for vets and vet nurses, who will stay in the profession. Not to mention better outcomes for pets thanks to more advanced treatment. Pet insurance helps make it about not what you can afford, but what is best for your pet."

- Vet and Healthy Pets New Zealand Chair, Dr Cath Watson

When the bill outweighs the budget, the biggest losers are the animals themselves. Of course, there's the emotional toll on the owner, not to mention the vet who has trained for years to be able to provide that care.

Insurance companies take on the risk associated with treatment costs with every policy sold. Behind the scenes are teams of people who specialise in making sure this is possible because, actually, we're all in this together. The insurance provider, breeder, pet owner and even vet are a team that works together in putting their best paws forward to create a healthy, happy companion animal society.

What to Look for in Pet Insurance

A pet insurance provider should have a good reputation for cost-effective products and thoughtful service, including a fast claims turnaround. The benefits of this include you being able to continue focusing on your pet's health following treatment - putting your mind and energy where it matters most - rather than being caught up in paper trails and chasing reimbursement.

Online pet insurance like Dogs NZ Insurance by pd.co.nz offers you the freedom to submit claims any time of day, any day of the week. Simple, affordable pet insurance that offers quality cover is about achieving a bigger goal: a healthy, happy pet community.

"It's possible to take out insurance to guard against losing most assets that you value. For example, you insure your car and you insure your house. They're valuable to you and they support your lifestyle. Most people value their pets highly. They're an integral part of their family. So why wouldn't you insure your pet that supports your emotional health and wellbeing?"

- Dogs NZ Director/Secretary, Steven Thompson

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