



# Rural Dog Focus

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## Helensville A & P Show

The Vets North Team are sponsoring two Rings at the Show this year; All Breeds Dairy Section & Hack/Small Hack Section. We have some fantastic prizes to award to the winners of the following Classes:

### Hack & Small Hack Section

- Class 1 - Best Presented
- Class 14 - Champion Paced & Mannered Hack
- Class 18 - Farmers Hack

### All Breeds Dairy Section

- Class 250 - Champion Junior Female All Breeds Dairy
- Class 252 - Champion Junior Male All Breeds Dairy
- Class 256 - Supreme Champion All Breeds Dairy

We have a great interactive Show site planned with the launch of a new dog rawhide chew range, experienced reps from Merial Ancare & Eukanuba to answer your questions, a sausage sizzle & lucky dip along with a great interactive game with prizes. Please come and say Hi.

The Vets North Team.

### A & P Show Competition

Visit Vets North Helensville A & P Show Site, guess the weight of the Alpaca correctly and Win a fantastic prize pack. Alpaca display by Chuck & Kathy Rademacher.

## NEW

### Free - On Farm Rural Dog Health Checks

We are now offering Free On Farm Health Checks for your working dog team and we are launching this at the Helensville A & P Show this weekend. Come and visit us at the Show and register for a Free Health Check and go in the draw to win a Show Prize Pack.

All On Farm Health Checks completed by the end of June 2016 will go in the draw to win on year's annual vaccinations & worming free for up to 6 of your team of dogs. Every dog undertaking the Health Check gives you an entry into the Prize Draw.

Our Vet Mark Anderson will be undertaking the On Farm Health Checks and will give you a chance to discuss any concerns you may have.

#### Some common issues you may like to discuss;

**Skin related / allergy** – The vet is able to do a skin scraping to check for any form of mites, we can then treat appropriately. We also provide a medicated bathing program at the clinic.

**Diet** – Robbie from Eukanuba will be onsite with Mark to speak to you about the most economical way to feed your dogs and what food and ratios are best for your team, based on working levels and individual dogs.

**Joints & lameness**- A full check over of the elbows, hips & knees can be performed and there are various different options to help control arthritis pain and prevent joint damage.

**Teeth** – Checking the mouth to make sure there are no rotten or broken teeth that may affect the dog being able to eat properly and maintain weight.

**Parasites** – Discuss your worm control & parasite control. We do offer a worming program to take the hassle out of remembering to treat the team!

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## Puppy School

### Classes



Vets North offer Puppy School Classes at both Kumeu & Helensville Clinics. Puppy School is hosted with one of our experienced nurses. These informative evenings are a great opportunity to socialize your new puppy and ask any questions about health & behaviour.

Classes are run over 4 weeks once a week in the evening. Numbers are kept small and are very interactive. These Classes will give your newest family member the best start to a happy and healthy life.

The following topics are covered:



Nutrition



Basic Training



Socialisation



Health Care

Contact the Vets North Team to enrol your fur baby or if you want further information.



### Heat Stroke

Heat stroke is a true emergency and a positive outcome is not always the case.

Dogs can not sweat like humans do in order to cool down, they can only release heat thru their tongues by panting, their pads on their paws and their noses.

Certain dogs such as brachycephalic breeds (boxers, flat faced

dogs), large breed dogs, old dogs, overweight dogs & those with heart conditions can be more prone to heat stroke.

Heat stroke can cause organ & muscle damage and blood & brain damage. IT IS A TRUE EMERGENCY

Cooling the animal down and removing them from the situation is the most important thing. Running cool water (not cold) on the groin area of the dog is the most effective place to help lower their body temperature as there are lots of major blood vessels running in that area.

Heat stroke is preventable. Always provide water & shade for your dog, especially if they are exercising. Try avoid strenuous exercise in the hottest part of the day, and never leave your dog in a confined spaced without shade or water eg the car!!

## Heatstroke can be deadly.

Share this image to keep dogs safe!



### The signs of heatstroke include:

- Excessive or exaggerated panting
- Lethargy
- Weakness
- Drooling
- High fever
- Dark red gums
- Rapid heartbeat
- Unresponsiveness to commands and surroundings
- Vomiting
- Collapse
- Staring/anxious expression
- Warm/dry skin

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