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NEWSLETTER

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TAKE CARE OF YOUR ANIMALS IN THE HEAT OF SUMMER

Providing shade for pasture animals is very important for helping keep them cool over summer.

Trees are the best long term solution, but pole sheds or even shade sails are an option for small block holders. Anything that can provide shade that is safe for the stock.

Avoid moving animals, or riding horses in the heat of the day. Choose early morning or evenings.

Ensure there is ample fresh, clean water available to all stock and that they do not run out.

Check all ballcocks are working and there are no leaks in the pipes. Check that troughs are filling quickly enough to keep up with demand. Stock will damage ballcocks if they are having to wait for water.

Keep ruminants (cows, sheep, goats, alpaca) fibre intake (hay, chaff, etc) to a minimum during the day as digesting fibre in the rumen creates heat. Feed concentrates (grains, pellets, etc) during the day and fibre in the evenings when it is cooler.

Ensure that wool on sheep is kept short over summer. If they are shorn mid summer, make sure they have plenty of shade to protect from sunburn until sufficient wool as re-grown to protect them.

Horses, dogs & cats with thin coats or pink noses may require protection from sunburn.



We have **Vetpro Sunblock Powder** available for horses and small animals.



Cool Down Spray – Instant Cooling – without Ice or Refrigeration

Science shows that cooling improves recovery from injury especially if applied quickly. Ice can cause tissue damage if too direct and maintained on the site for too long. Arctic Blast works by evaporative cooling, with no sudden shock as from ice, and so the danger of tissue damage is allayed.



TIPS FOR KEEPING POULTRY COOL OVER SUMMER.

- ♦ If you use the refillable type waterers try filling them 3/4 of the way to the top and putting them in a chest freezer upside down over night. In the morning take them out and tip them over and place in the shade, so as they melt, they dispense nice cold water for your birds.
- ♦ Freeze chunks of watermelon, tomatoes, berries or cucumbers and put them out on a hot afternoon in the shade.
- ♦ If they are not eating well due to the heat, change to a higher protein feed such as Pullet grower or Meatbird Pellets to keep them laying or add small amounts of sunflower seeds to their daily food.
- ♦ Ensure birds have access to dust baths as the dust has a cooling effect.

ANIMALS BEING HARRASSED BY FLIES?

Vetpro Fly Repellent is an all natural deterrent for flies and biting insects. When a chemical free environment is desired, this is a great choice. Safe for use on all farm animals and dogs.

Give your animals a break from the annoyance.

Available in 120ml pet spray, 750ml spray and 2Ltr Refill bottle.



After a busy spring with sowing and planting veggies and flowers, it's now time to keep up with the water and the fertiliser. A couple of minutes weeding per day and checking for pests and diseases will help keep on top of things and prevent a gardener's nightmare.

Plant new lettuce and herbs regularly to ensure consistent harvesting. In season: dill, fennel, parsley and chives.

Pick veges every day to encourage continuous fruiting – especially peas, beans, eggplant, cucumbers and courgettes.

Pick your sweet corn cobs when the end tassels have begun to dry brown.

Make sure your lawnmower is set on higher mowing height to keep some green.

This will help with lawns drying out quickly.

Soak your garden every four days, instead of short shallow watering

Water early, or late to ensure the water gets to where it needs to

Water the roots, not the leaves for maximum plant benefit

Mulch using Daltons Mulch & Grow.

Remove dead flower heads especially from roses to encourage more blooms.

Birds are helpful in the garden

One of the best insect eaters in NZ is the Silvereye/ Waxeye. How to attract birds like the Silvereye, Fantails and others back into our garden over summer.

Offer them a fresh water supply daily for a refreshing bath and to quench their thirst.

Water is more important than offering food this time of year.

Remember when putting out a dish of water, to put a rock in the middle that is easy for small birds and insects to climb up on in case they fall into the water.



Jeremy Kyle

Bees, will also appreciate the water supply.

Rabbits and Guinea pigs feel the heat too

- Ensure their hutch is positioned in the shade for the hottest parts of the day.
- Groom them to remove as much excess hair as possible to keep them cool.
- Fill large 2Ltr soda bottles with water and freeze them. Give the frozen bottles to your rabbits and Guinea Pigs so they can lean against them and keep cool.
- Give them cool ceramic tiles to lay on. The ceramic will stay cool, even in warm weather and will be a great place for your pets to relax on.
- Provide plenty of fresh greens. Wash the greens in cool water to help them get extra water and make them more appealing
- Change their water out a couple times a day to keep it fresh and cool. Or you could try adding a few ice cubes to the water. Keep a close eye on their water levels and make sure they have constant access so they don't get dehydrated.



100% natural untreated Wood shavings — a very versatile product.

Mostly used as animal bedding for small mammals, cows, horses, chickens, pigs and other farm animals. Shavings absorb droppings and odours. Used shavings can be added to compost this makes an excellent fertiliser and mulch for your garden.

If you haven't got a garden or animals, shavings can be used to soak up oil spills, in the compost toilet or as packaging and as craft material.



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