



**McMASTER & HEAP**  
VETERINARY PRACTICE

## NEW CHANGES ON THE HORIZON

What an exciting year 2019 is going to be for the McMaster & Heap Family. A new veterinary building, a specialist veterinarian joining the ranks, more skilled nurses required and our family size is fast shrinking with sons off to pursue their dreams.

On the home front we have gone from a family of 5 to a family of 3. Our eldest son Connor will go into his second year of Veterinary training at Massey University in Palmerston North. Most of Connors summer holidays have been spent doing practical work for his vet degree. He spent 5 weeks on a Sheep and Beef farm in Methven.

Connor really enjoyed all aspects of farm life from ploughing fields, to vaccinating and drenching stock to driving all the farm machinery. He gained valuable skills in reading animal behaviours and how to handle them and learning about management practices. He is now spending time at a racing stable in Templeton and seeing some equine veterinary work. It would be fair to say his horse handling skills are sketchy but nothing 2 weeks in a busy racing stables can't fix.



*Connor Heap - 2nd year Vet student doing Beef and sheep farm practical work*



*Dylan our tennis man*

Our 18 year old son Dylan left in January to pursue his tennis dream in the US, gaining a scholarship to the university of Minnesota in Minneapolis. Within 2 days of touching down he was back on a plane with the team to a training camp in Florida. He will study business and finance while over there. At present he's trying to acclimatize to temperatures that have reached -45 degrees!! Luckily for us, our youngest 14 year old son Isaac ,is still living with Ma and Pa. Not for long though something tells me ,as this son can't wait to travel the world, meet new people and study overseas.

On the vet front we are very excited to welcome Richard Lucy into the McMaster and Heap family. Richard went through Massey with Steve a wee while ago now (graduated in 1992) and fairly early on pursued Radiology and Ultrasonography as his areas of interest. Richard passed his Veterinary



*Welcome to Richard Lucy*

Cardiology exams at the Royal Vet College in London. On returning to NZL, Richard worked in Auckland and Hamilton for several years before retraining in human echocardiology (ultrasound of the heart). He even did a stint in human ultrasound working at Waikato and Christchurch Public Hospitals. Richard has since returned to his original vocation

and works solely performing ultrasounds on the heart , musculoskeletal system and abdomen of referral patients. He will now see his South Island and Christchurch referrals through our practice, working Monday through to Thursdays. Richard is married to Linda and in his spare time entertains his twin 3 year olds, slaves away on his lifestyle block and enjoys the rivers, mountains and coasts that Canterbury and the South Island has to offer. We are

thrilled to be able to offer Richards expert skills and knowledge to our patients and those that are referred to us.

So with the addition of Richard and our skilled ultrasonographer Catherine, we will be able to offer ultrasounds to patients Monday to Friday.

We have just accepted a building tender to get our exciting new build underway as soon as possible. We are expanding quickly and need more consulting rooms and a bigger kenneling area as well as a state of the art surgical suite. Works should start before the end of the month and all going well, by the end of August we will be enjoying loads more space, a separate "cat only" waiting and treatment space and loads more exciting extras.

I apologize now for any disruptions and extra building site noise but promise this that the end result will be a great thing for our patients.

We employed 4 fantastic new nurses last year due to continued practice growth. Olivia, Rachael, Danielle and Marysha have all brought something new and special into the team mix and its refreshing to have enthusiastic, inspired and fun young nurses to help us with the important work we do.

Visit our website for more information on our staff.

Watch this space for more developments on our building project and our awesome expanding team of vets and nurses.

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