#### **POEM & PHOTO COMPETITION**

Thank you to the over 300 entries and all the schools that participated, in the Poem and Photo Competition. The submissions showed incredibly talented kids. Unfortunately there can only be one winner who was ...



# My dog named LoLa

My dog Lola is small and energetic, This makes her very very athletic

She is black & white with heaps of spots, She loves to lick me lots and lots.

Lola has beautiful brown eyes, And when we leave for school she cries.

She smells like mud and dirt. we give her cuddles when she's hurt.

She loves to sleep on the end of my bed. Her tongue is the brightest shade of red.

Lola loves to lie in the sun. And also play with everyone.

She is my Loving Loyal friend, I'll always love her to the end.

Abby Sutherland (11 years) St Josephs, Temuka

# Jerry

Your name is Jerry. You eat all the cherries.

Your big feathers are the same colour as chives, Your claws are as sharp as knives...

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# Max



I love my dog with all my heart,

My dog likes to jump in puddles.

Catalina Yanez Contador (10 years)

He is really super smart.

He also loves big cuddles.

He hates to get washed....

Papakaio School

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### **INTERESTING CASE Osteoarthritis**

Abby Robertson BVSc – Veterinary Centre Oamaru

Osteoarthritis, also known as degenerative joint disease, is a progressive disease of the joints causing cartilage loss and inflammation which gives rise to the clinical sign of pain, lameness, with less work or play activity.

It is commonly age related but can even occur in young animals. Arthritis is estimated to affect approximately 20% of dogs older than one year old and up to 90% in senior dogs. 90% of cats older than 12 will have x-ray evidence of arthritis.

There are numerous treatment options available that help to reduce pain and support joint health and longevity. The best outcomes are achieved when support is started as early as possible.

Medical treatment is targeted according to severity. At risk dogs and early stage disease may benefit from specialised diets. As loss of mobility and signs of pain worsen, anti-inflammatories alone or in combination with other medications become necessary. Archie certainly doesn't seem to notice being given his monthly pill and it means he is still happy to go to work.

Symptoms are worse in cold weather. If you have any concerns about the mobility of your pet then please visit the Veterinary Centre and we will be happy to discuss and customise treatments for your pet.

Stream and Archie hitching a ride to work.

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