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# March 2022 Newsletter

**In this issue:** Anniversary NZCAR survey & prizes, top register tips, NZCAR Manager staff profile.  
Companion Animals NZ new Welfare Manager announced & learn about a new Rescue Register.



## NZCAR NEWS:

### Anniversary & Software Development survey

**April 6th marks one year since the changeover to our new system!  
To celebrate and to thank everyone for their continued support, we  
want to give away some goodies!  
We also would love to hear your feedback.**



### 3x AGENT PRIZES

**Complete our survey** to go in the draw to win one of the below prizes

1. **Prize one:** 1x microchip scanner (valued at \$143)
2. **Prize two:** 2x boxes microchips (valued at \$115)
3. **Prize three:** 1x microchip scanner AND 2x boxes of microchips (valued at \$258)

Open to all NZCAR Implanters and Enquirers who complete the survey by April 6th.



### 1x GUARDIAN PRIZE

Any guardian that has recently logged in to NZCAR to update their details automatically goes into the draw for a hamper from giftbox boutique.

Take the survey: Get the treats!

## PETS IN EMERGENCIES

### New NZCAR Service - Emergency Messaging

During the February severe weather event and subsequent evacuations in Westport, the NZCAR team sent out information to pet guardians in the area. We sent information on behalf of MPI's Emergency Management Team regarding the safe evacuation of pets. We have had positive feedback about the information we sent out and will be developing this service so it can be used in future emergencies. We sent similar messaging to several hundred people in Gisborne last week.

We encourage all guardians to subscribe to our animal welfare updates when they login (see below)

#### Communication options

We would love to send you emails about Companion Animal health & welfare and offer guidance during emergencies.

I'm happy to receive email communication \*

 Yes No

*(Companion Animals NZ supports MPI in its lead role overseeing animal welfare matters in emergencies, and along with other agencies is part of the Animal Welfare Emergency Management Group, chaired by MPI.)*

## NZCAR Staff Profile - Sarah Clements



### **NZ Companion Animal Register Manager**

Hello, my name is Sarah, and I am a vet nurse turned manager. I have always had a love for animals and a strong drive to improve their lives. I have previously nursed in many and managed a group of clinics in Christchurch. I am very excited to have taken on this new position with the NZCAR and cannot wait to help improve the service as a whole for guardians and our agents! I am parent to one, fluffy child - Paco the American Bulldog Cross. When I am not working, my hobbies include gardening many vegetables (with the assistance/supervision of Paco), cooking and eating!

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## **Companion Animals New Zealand News: Welfare Manager appointment**



We are very excited to welcome **Dr. Sarah Olson**, who is taking the role of Welfare Manager from April 4th. Sarah will be driving some exciting projects to further the adoption of the principle of A Good Life for companion animals in Aotearoa.

Born and bred on a high-country sheep and beef station in Marlborough, Sarah has always had an affinity for animals and the outdoors. She obtained her undergraduate and masterate degrees in the areas of animal physiology and welfare from Massey University, after which she worked as a research assistant for the Animal Welfare and Bioethics Centre at Massey for three years. Sarah then went on complete a PhD in selenium metabolism in cats and dogs, followed by postdocs in neurobiology and cell culture, and developmental origins of health and disease. After having to finding funding every few years, and in search of job security, Sarah took on the part-time job of Assistant Editor for the New Zealand Veterinary Journal, where she has been for the last 11 years.

Sarah has recently started dabbling in freelance writing for VetScript and really enjoys finding out peoples' stories, what makes them tick, and creating a narrative around that to share with others.

Outside of work, Sarah, and husband Trent, are kept busy running around after their two girls, Emily and Anika, who are both at primary school, and young Labrador, Oakley, who leads everyone astray. Long-term boarder, Molly the cat, disdainfully avoids the chaos but has no qualms announcing when attention is required.

To stay sane, Sarah enjoys getting out in the hills trail running, tramping and mountain biking, and is always up for an adventure with her wonderful group of friends.

## Rescue Register

Work towards establishing a national register of companion animal rescues continues. The register will capture monthly figures for incoming and outgoing animals. It is based on the Shelter Animals Count database in USA. It is aspirational, but you can see some of the data that is possible here: [Shelter Animals Data Dashboard](#).

We expect to be able to report figures to central and local government. MPI representatives have shown some interest.

## Maimoa awards update

The latest Te Tohu Maimoa - the Maimoa Awards - have now closed and we look forward to announcing the winners online soon and also in our next newsletter.

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