



## **A massage for Christmas?**



Treats and toys are traditional Christmas gifts, but what about a massage?

Dogs love a relaxation massage. Give yours the gift of massage this Christmas. Bookings essential. In most areas of Christchurch, an hour-long massage in the comfort of your own home is only \$79. Additional dogs at the same address massaged during the same booking are discounted to \$64 each. [Book now.](#)

Shirley Vets is having an open day and I'll be there to demonstrate and answer any questions you have about complementary therapies. Simply come along on Sunday, 2nd December from 10 to midday. (Dogs should be left at home for this one.) I've donated a bottle of Drama Trauma flower essences along with a Love Me, Massage Me bandana for the prize draw and there are lots of other prizes, too.



The Balanced Dog will also be at The Hub Hornby on Thursday, 6th December. **Bring your dog for this one!** You can buy treats from our stall and your dog can have a massage, too, plus you'll get a Love Me Massage Me bandana to enter our Facebook competition. Pet photos with Santa and take your dog shopping with you at selected stores. Don't miss it!

**OUR VERY SPECIAL CHRISTMAS PETS NIGHT**  
BRING YOUR PET SHOPPING AND HAVE A PHOTO WITH SANTA

**PET FUN**  
SHOPPING + SANTA PHOTOS  
6-9pm THURS 6 DEC

LOOK OUT FOR  
**PETS WELCOME**  
STORES

**the hub**  
HORNBY

[www.thehubhornby.co.nz](http://www.thehubhornby.co.nz)  
Check out our weekly updates on [Facebook](#)

**TERMS & CONDITIONS**  
Pets must be under direct control of their owners, on a leash/leashes or held securely in arms, a dog carrier etc.  
Pets must be socialised and used to other animals and crowds. No aggressive animals will be allowed inside.  
Customers should not pet another animal without permission from the owner.  
Owners are encouraged to toilet their animals before coming inside and be prepared to clean up after them should they have an accident inside.  
Corrected photo only for social media clips.  
Pets can only be taken into stores displaying a special "Pets welcome" sign during the event.  
Owners would be expected to pay for any damage they/their pet may cause.

### Final days of the Love Me, Massage Me competition

Photograph your dog in their Love Me Massage Me bandana everywhere you go in Canterbury, like our Facebook page, and post your photos and comments with the hashtag #lovememassage. There is no limit to the number of times you can

1st prize: Four dog massages, given quarterly, in 2019

2nd prize: A doggy birthday prize pack containing a 15 cm liver birthday cake, candles and a pack of dog-themed party invitations

3rd prize: A copy of the book Woman & Dog

Winners drawn on 26 December 2018; prizes are not transferable. You must be in our service area to win the 1st and 2nd prizes.



**Good news!** In our last newsletter, I announced a pretty hefty increase to the price of Velpet. I'm pleased to say that the manufacturer asked for feedback and based on that, they've re-thought the price increase. The new price is \$54 per bottle and not the \$73 per bottle they originally intended.

This is our final newsletter of 2018. Our next newsletter, issued in January, will list all of the blog posts from November through January (since I've been a bit busy and the blog is feeling neglected with only 6 posts this month!).

Thank you for your support of this independent practice and we wish you all a happy and healthy holiday season with plenty of quality time that you can spend with your dogs.

The Balanced Dog is open throughout the Christmas/New Year season with the exception of the stat days. Do get in touch if your dog would like massage or needs rehab over this period.

- Kathleen & Izzy, The Balanced Dog



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