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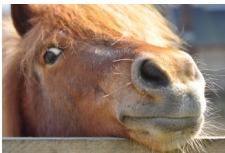
## NEWSLETTER

**November 2018**

It's this time of the year again... "Here comes the sun, little darling."  
 Slip, slop, slap and wrap at the beach and also in the garden, everywhere really.  
 Having a rest under a tree is very refreshing and sun smart, also remember to drink plenty of water to keep hydrated.



[www.mynamelabel.co.uk](http://www.mynamelabel.co.uk)



Did you know horses and donkeys can get sunburn on their noses just as we can? Kiwi Seed stock sunblock powder, made of natural minerals, which can be applied to their face, legs and around nostrils. Always provide plenty of fresh water and shade to hide from the sun.



**Flaxseed, also known as Linseed** is very similar in its nutrient composition to the superfood chia. Both provide omega 3 fatty acid, in form of alpha linolenic acid (ALA). These fatty acids help maintain healthy skin and hair, benefit the cardiovascular health and contribute to brain function. Flaxseed provides a richer source of ALA compared to chia. Both provide fiber, which is important for the digestive system and a range of minerals such as potassium, phosphorus and magnesium as well as containing vitamins B and E. There are some differences, however. Chia provides significantly more iron, calcium and selenium per serving than flax. On the other hand, flax provides a source of choline, important for brain function – which is not found in chia.

Whilst chia doesn't need to be ground prior to digestion it's recommended to do that with Flaxseed. Flaxseed is grown in New Zealand and available here at Kiwi Seed in form of oil, flaxseed and flakes.

Please check the label for recommended rates prior to adding it to your animals food.



**Take great care of your animals with Lillidale Animal Health Shampoo**, great for routine coat care and show preparation.



**Lillidale Tea Tree shampoo** is a soothing and conditioning antibacterial shampoo containing natural tea tree oil that cleanses and conditions the horses coat and skin.



**Lillidale herbal shampoo** is a rich, but gentle shampoo containing natural herb extracts to cleanse the coat, providing a natural glossy shine and a long-lasting fragrance. Great for routine coat care and show preparation.

**A medicated shampoo** containing a mild anti-bacterial agent that cleanses and conditions the horses coat and skin, helping to remove scurf and may relieve itching.



**Weston Milling, Rumens Nuts** are high in protein and suitable for sheep, deer, cattle, goats (adult and small), as well as alpacas. Molassed cereal mixture supplemented with trace minerals and vitamins.  
**One feed, that feeds them all!**



**Weston Peak Layer pellets** are a complete feed providing minimum of 18% protein. Ingredients: wheat, barley, triticale, wheat by-products, soya meal, peas, lupins, meat and bone meal, blood meal, lime, tallow, dicalcium phosphate, salt, yolk colouring, vitamins and minerals.  
**Seriously good feed, your chooks will love.**

## Seed Potatoes available in store now

Buy 1 or many  
 Old fashion favourites and some new varieties for you to try at very competitive prices.



The Spruce

**My garden seems to be the neighbours cat litter box. Sound familiar?  
Below are some ideas you could try to overcome the problem.**



- 1) Lay chicken wire down on top of your soil before you plant. Using wire cutters you will be able to open up pockets in the wire to plant into. Cats don't like walking on wire.
- 2) If you have already planted your beds spread mulch with sharp edged pinecones, egg shells, rose prunings or use a stone mulch– cats prefer to dig and poop in loose dirt.
- 3) Plant plants such as rue, lavender and pennyroyal between your other plants like mint, marigold. Cats don't like their smell.
- 4) There are water guns and ultra sound devices available in various garden centres.
- 5) Sprinkle paprika, pepper, chilly, coffee grounds and peels of oranges, lemons, limes and grapefruit in your garden, these will need regular renewal.
- 6) Cover your garden area with nets.

There are a lot more ideas out there, whatever you do, a cat is a cat, please keep that in mind. After all it's the cat that keeps the mice away. Try different ways to prevent cats spraying and using your garden as a toilet without harming them.

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**Quick fun experiment for children to check the soil pH at home.**

**Checking Alkaline soil (above pH 7)**

Take a small amount of soil in a mug add 2 spoonfuls of vinegar, mix in.

Now take a look at it– if you hear a bubbling noise and the mix stirs up, this means your soil is Alkaline

Reason: Because vinegar is acidic and if your soil is alkaline that stirs up the mix and bubbling noise will come.

**Checking Acidic Soil (below pH 7)**

Take a small amount of soil in a mug add 2 spoonfuls of baking soda, mix a bit of water in to make it muddy. Now take a look at it, if you hear a bubbling noise and the mix stirs up, this means your soil is Acidic

Reason: Baking soda is alkaline and if your soil is acidic this combination will stir up the mix and bubbling noise will come

If you haven't observed any bubbling noise and mix doesn't fizz in both of the tests that means your soil is **Neutral (pH 6-7.5).**

<https://balconygardenweb.com/how-to-check-your-garden-soil-at-home/>

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*Wildflowers for Marlborough blended here at Kiwi Seed*

*Check with Maren about what you can do to increase beauty and biodiversity on your place.*



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***Thank you from all at Kiwi Seed.***