

Cock and Bull Stories

A highly entertaining collection of stories from two vets working in the heartland

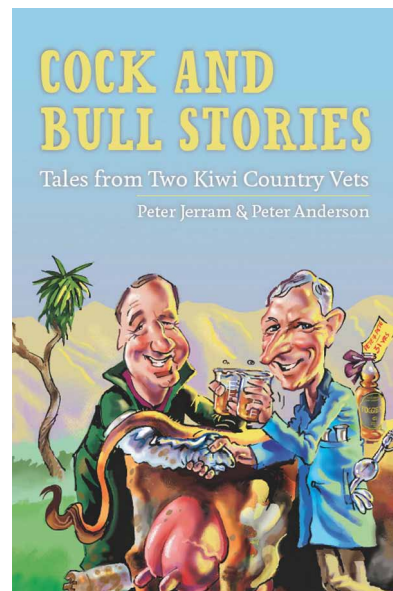
'That'll be one for the book,' Marlborough vets Peter Jerram and Peter Anderson had been frequently heard to say when discussing their cases at the end of the working day. From the moment that Pete J, 'a good bugger' walked into Peter A's clinic, the two men became firm friends and have been collecting stories about their varied adventures as rural vets. In *Cock and Bull Stories* the two Petes have brought together a selection of hilarious yarns from their 32 years in practice.

They share hard case and humourous tales about animals and their owners: you'll read about Pete and Pete's Pussy Parlour, a narrow escape from an angry lame bull, a tough pig hunter who faints at the sight of a syringe, the dog whose anatomy was rearranged by Pete J as a young green vet, a case of vets' notoriously illegible scrawl causing some confusion to a client and an incorrigible owner mistaking his dog's shampoo for a cure-all.

These two Marlborough vets treat both large and small animals. Peter Anderson is known locally as the flying vet, visiting clients in the back country of Marlborough and North Canterbury.

'These two blokes have successfully struck a balance, both in life and now in print ... One is the mix of knowledge, skills, empathy and sensitivity required to successfully operate as dedicated vets servicing both small and large animal veterinary needs. The other is what one passage describes as a "larrikin" approach to life.

The outcome is a series of anecdotes that inform and delight. They also convey realistically, and often highly



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Peter Jerram & Peter Anderson

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‘We’ve had a wonderful 32 years together, and I’m sure we’ve got a few more yet. It was a good career, with many rewarding and many challenging moments.’

— Peter Jerram

amusingly, the colour and feel of the Marlborough countryside and the people who make a living within it.’
— Ron Crosby, author and friend

This tale of two friends — who share their knowledge, skills and empathy — gives us insight into the lives of two hardworking vets and their struggle to run a successful rural vet service in NZ, as well as the close-knit community to which they belong. These glimpses into the reality of a rural vet’s life are essential reading for animal lovers or anyone interested in stories from the heartland of New Zealand.

Illustrated throughout with cartoons by Cheviot illustrator Ashley Smith.

About Peter Anderson:

Born in Kaikoura, Peter Anderson gained a BSc DipSc and finally a BVSc from Massey University in Palmerston North in 1975.

Immediately after graduating he started working for the Graham Veterinary Club in Blenheim. Peter Jerram joined the club soon afterwards and a few years later they branched out on their own to set up ‘Anderson and Jerram’ better known as “Pete and Pete’s Pussy Parlour.”

While Pete has been a hard working country vet working with all farm animals as well as horses and ‘small animals’ he is now principally involved with advisory work for sheep and beef farmers. He has a history of practical on farm research and has been employed by several companies and research organisations as a consultant including the FAO

in Kosovo. He has been the facilitator for the Marlborough Monitor Farm. In February 2000 he was awarded the Allan Baldry Award, given annually to a member of the Sheep and Beef Cattle Society of the NZVA, who in the Society’s opinion has made a significant contribution to the Sheep Industry. He is well known as Marlborough’s flying vet, flying to farms throughout the back country of Marlborough and to other clients in the top half of the South Island.

When not in the air, Peter Anderson can be found at the Vet Centre in Blenheim. He is now principally involved in StockCARE — an advisory programme for sheep and beef farmers.

About Peter Jerram:

Born in Dunedin, Peter Jerram went to Lincoln University and graduated BAgrSc in 1972. He worked for 3 years as a soil conservator on the West Coast, then switched careers and graduated as a vet from Massey University in 1979. He spent the first half of his professional career as a farmers vet, and as the business with Peter Anderson evolved and a need grew for someone to stay in the clinic, gradually, and slightly reluctantly morphed into a small animal clinician. An interest in dog reproduction led to a number of international visits to Sweden, USA, UK, Australia and France and development of Special Skills in the field. Peter Jerram retired in 2007. He subsequently spent a three year term on the Veterinary Council of New Zealand, and is currently in his second term as a Marlborough District Councillor, where he is Chair of the Environment Committee. Peter is the co-author of *I Am a Working Dog*, reissued by Longacre in 2009 and grows figs commercially near Blenheim.



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