

Noel Fitzpatrick



Noel Fitzpatrick is a famous vet who is known for using special methods to treat sick animals. He also stars in the TV show called The Supervet.

Noel's Childhood



Noel was born in Ireland on 13th December 1967. As a child, Noel helped to care for the cattle and sheep on the family farm. Working on the farm was what inspired Noel's love of animals. He says that it is his destiny to care for them.

Noel as a Vet



Noel studied **veterinary** science at the University College Dublin in Ireland and completed his training there in 1990. He then moved to England to carry out further specialist veterinary training.

In 2005, Noel opened his first animal hospital in Surrey, England. The hospital is called Fitzpatrick **Referrals** and it is one of the largest animal hospitals in the UK. Many people take their pets to Noel's hospital because their own vets can't care for them anymore. They hope that Noel and his team can solve their pets' complex problems. Noel is known for carrying out operations on animals' muscles and bones and he often gives injured pets new **bionic** legs. Not many other vets perform these operations. In 2015, Noel opened another special animal hospital to care for seriously ill pets.

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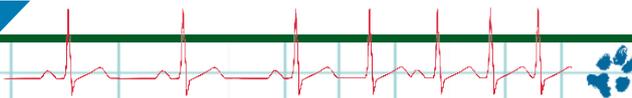
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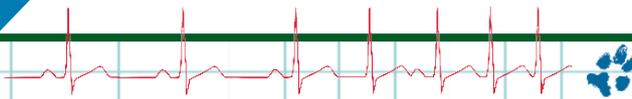
Noel is often called 'the bionic vet'.

Noel the Supervet



Since 2015, Noel has starred in the TV **documentary**, The Supervet. The show is filmed at Noel's hospital and shows the stories of owners as they look for specialist treatment for their pets' illnesses. Noel has performed many leg replacements on the show as well as many other complicated operations.

Noel's Other Work



Noel also works as a university teacher in the veterinary department of the University of Surrey. In 2016, Noel met The Queen to discuss his work. He showed her some of the animals that had received bionic legs.

Noel believes that doctors and vets should work together more closely. He believes that some of his bionic work could also be used on humans. Noel has created a charity called The Humanimal Trust to try to encourage a closer relationship between human and animal care.

Glossary



bionic: Having a mechanical or electronic artificial body part.

documentary: A TV programme that gives facts about a real subject.

referral: When a person's or animal's care is passed on to a specialist.

veterinary: The treatment of animals.



Questions

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- Ireland

2. What is the name of Noel's animal hospital that was opened in 2005? Tick one.

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- Fitzpatrick Referrals
- Fitzpatrick Hospital
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Pupils' own responses, such as: I think that Noel's charity is called The Humanimal Trust because the word 'humanimal' is made up of the words human and animal. This shows animals and humans as having a close relationship with each other.

7. Discuss why you think that Noel chose to become a vet.

Pupils' own responses, such as: Noel probably chose to become a vet because he spent time working with animals on his family's farm and cared a lot about them. It also says that he thinks that it is his destiny to care for animals.

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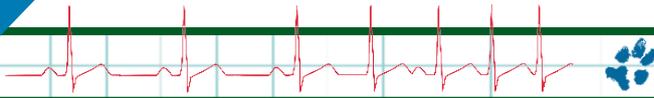
Pupils' own responses, such as: I think that Noel has earned the name 'supervet' because he performs specialist treatments on animals that other vets can't. Some owners may even think of him as a being like a superhero.

Noel Fitzpatrick



Noel Fitzpatrick is a prominent vet who is known for his innovative approach to veterinary surgery. He is famous for starring in the TV show called The Supervet.

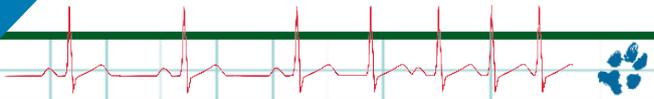
Childhood



Noel was born on 13th December 1967. He grew up living on his family's farm in Laois, Ireland. As a child, Noel would help tend to the cattle and sheep on the farm. He formed a close bond with the family sheepdog, Pirate. On one occasion, Noel tried to save the life of a newborn lamb. Such experiences working with animals were what inspired Noel to want to become a vet. He has said that he feels that it is his destiny to care for animals.

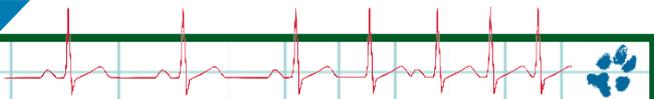


Education



Noel was offered the chance to study to become either a human doctor or a vet at university. He opted to become a vet and studied veterinary science at the University College Dublin and, in 1990, he completed his studies there. Noel then moved to London and decided to pursue acting. He studied acting at Guildford College at the same time as completing his specialist veterinary training. Noel starred in a number of TV programmes and films before deciding to focus on being a vet.

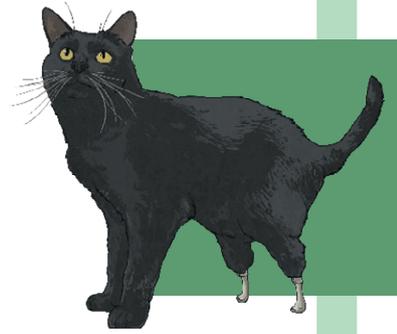
Veterinary Career



Noel opened his first animal hospital in Surrey, England in 2005. The hospital, called Fitzpatrick **Referrals**, is one of the largest animal hospitals in the UK. Many owners take their pets to Fitzpatrick Referrals in the hope that Noel and his team can offer a solution to their pet's problems. Noel tries hard to save and prolong the lives of animals that other vets can't save. He is renowned for performing limb replacement surgery and uses state-of-the-art methods to provide injured pets with new **bionic** or **prosthetic** legs. Many of Noel's methods have never been attempted before.

In 2010, Noel provided a cat named Oscar with two new bionic legs. Oscar had suffered injuries to his legs as a result of a farm accident and was fitted with two new prosthetic legs by Noel and his team. Oscar was entered into the Guinness Book of World Records for being the first cat to be fitted with two bionic leg implants.

In 2015, Noel opened another special animal hospital to care for pets with life-threatening diseases.



The Supervet

Noel's TV programme, *The Supervet*, began in 2015 and follows Noel's experiences as a vet. The documentary features pet owners as they meet with Noel and his team in the hope of finding specialist treatment for their pets' conditions. Noel has performed many limb replacements on the show as well as many other complicated procedures. Such treatments have earned Noel the nickname 'the bionic vet'.

Noel's Other Work

In 2016, Noel met The Queen to discuss his work and show her some of the animals that had received prosthetic surgery. Noel is a university **professor** and works with veterinary students at the University of Surrey.

Noel believes that doctors and vets should collaborate more. He thinks that a lot of the work that he has been doing with animals, such as bionic limb replacements, can also be applied to humans. Noel's charity, The Humanimal Trust, aims to raise awareness and encourage research into treatments that can be used on both animals and people. He called this One Medicine.

Glossary



bionic: Having a mechanical or electronic artificial body part.

professor: The highest level of teacher at a university.

prosthetic: Having an artificial body part.

referral: When a person or animal's care is passed on to a specialist.



Questions

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Tick one.

- calf
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- kitten

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- Oscar the cat's surgery was featured in the Guinness Books of World Records.
- Noel completed his degree in veterinary science.
- Noel opened his first animal hospital in Surrey.

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collaborate

6. Explain why you think that Noel was chosen to meet The Queen.

Pupils' own responses, such as: Noel was probably chosen to meet The Queen because she was interested in learning more about his pioneering work with animal prosthetics.

7. Look at the section called **Veterinary Career**.

Discuss why you think that Noel opted to become a vet rather than a doctor.

Pupils' own responses, such as: Noel probably opted to be a vet rather than a doctor because of all the experiences that he gained with animals when he was living on the family farm as a child. The text also says that he felt it was his destiny to care for animals.

8. Explain how you think that Oscar the cat's owners may have felt after Noel fitted Oscar with replacement legs.

Pupils' own responses, such as: Oscar's owners probably felt relieved after his surgery because it would have been complex. They may also have felt thankful that he was able to receive the bionic leg implants.

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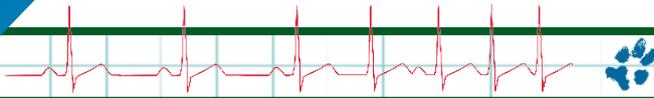
Pupils' own responses, such as: Noel is a talented and clever vet. He is famous for giving animals prosthetic limbs and he uses many clever techniques. He also helps to teach vet students at university.

Noel Fitzpatrick



Noel Fitzpatrick is an internationally-recognised veterinary surgeon who is known for his innovative and pioneering approach to orthopaedic (muscular and skeletal) surgery on animals. He stars in the TV documentary *The Supervet* and he is often referred to as 'the bionic vet'.

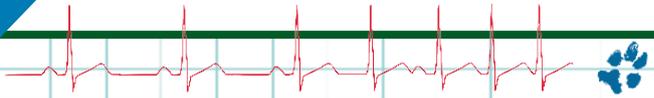
Childhood



Noel was born on 13th December 1967 and he grew up on his family's farm in Laois, Ireland. As a child, Noel was heavily involved with farm life and he spent time tending to the cattle and sheep. He often speaks of the close bond that he formed with the family sheepdog, Pirate. His experiences of working on a farm were what inspired Noel to become a vet and fed his desire to work with animals. One of his earliest memories was trying, in vain, to save the life of a lamb on his farm. He feels that it is his destiny to care for the animals in the world.

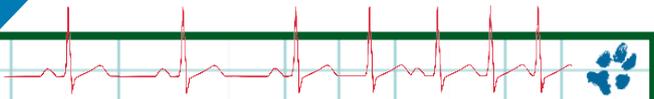


Education



Noel was offered places at university to study both human medicine or veterinary science; he was forced to choose between becoming a doctor or a vet. He opted for veterinary science and he studied at the University College Dublin. He completed his veterinary studies there in 1990. Following this, Noel moved to London and he decided to pursue another of his passions: acting. He studied acting at Guildford College while also completing further specialist veterinary training. Noel even starred in a number of TV programmes and films before deciding to focus his efforts on his veterinary career.

Veterinary Career

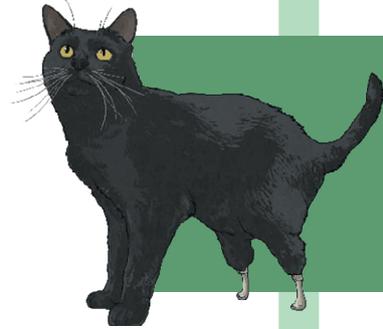


In 2005, Noel opened his first animal hospital, Fitzpatrick Referrals, in Surrey, England. Fitzpatrick Referrals is one of the largest animal hospitals in the world and they employ over 250 staff. Noel believes in the importance of compassionate care and he is passionate about finding innovative ways to treat animals that other vets can no longer care for.

Many see Fitzpatrick Referrals as the last chance for their pet and they hope that Noel and his team can offer a solution that their own vet can't offer. One of the main orthopaedic surgeries that Noel is famed for is limb replacement: he employs state-of-the-art techniques to provide injured pets with new bionic (artificial mechanical) limbs, enabling them to walk when they may otherwise be unable to. Many of the techniques that Noel uses are unique and they have never been attempted before.

Noel's work was entered into the Guinness World Records in 2010 when he was the first person in the world to provide a cat with two bionic legs. Oscar the cat, who had suffered injuries to his legs as a result of a farm accident, was fitted with two new prosthetic legs by Noel and his team.

Noel is also passionate about prolonging the lives of animals that may otherwise not be saved. In 2015, Noel opened a specialist hospital to research and care for pets suffering from other serious medical conditions.



The Supervet

Noel began starring in his own TV documentary, *The Supervet*, in 2015. The show documents Noel's experiences as a vet and it follows the emotional stories of pets whose devoted owners are desperately seeking cutting-edge solutions to their animals' ailments. Many of the owners on the programme visit Noel in the hope of receiving new legs for their pet because he is known for his innovative use of prosthesis (using artificial body parts). Such treatments have earned Noel the nickname 'the bionic vet'. Noel has performed many limb replacements on the show as well as a number of other complex procedures.

Noel's Other Work

Noel is a university professor (a teacher of the highest rank) and he works with veterinary students at the University of Surrey where he is Professor of Orthopaedics.

In 2016, Noel was invited to meet The Queen to discuss his work and to show her some of the animals that had benefited from prosthetic surgery.

Noel believes strongly that there should be a closer collaboration between human and animal medicine. He thinks that much of the pioneering surgery and research that he has carried out on animals, such as bionic limb replacements, can also be applied to humans. Noel has founded a charity called The Humanimal Trust: he aims to help to raise awareness and encourage research into treatments that can be used on both animals and people. He calls this One Medicine.

Questions

1. Draw **four** lines and match each event to the correct year.

1990

Noel completed his veterinary science degree at the University College Dublin.

2015

Oscar the cat was recorded in the Guinness Book of World Records for being the first animal to be given two bionic legs.

2005

Noel's documentary, *The Supervet*, began showing on TV.

2010

Noel opened his first animal hospital, Fitzpatrick Referrals, in Surrey.

2. Which of the following careers did Noel pursue alongside his specialist vet training? Tick one.

- farming
 acting
 human medicine
 law

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- _____
- _____

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5. Fill in the missing words.

Noel believes in the importance of _____ care and is passionate about finding _____ ways to treat animals.

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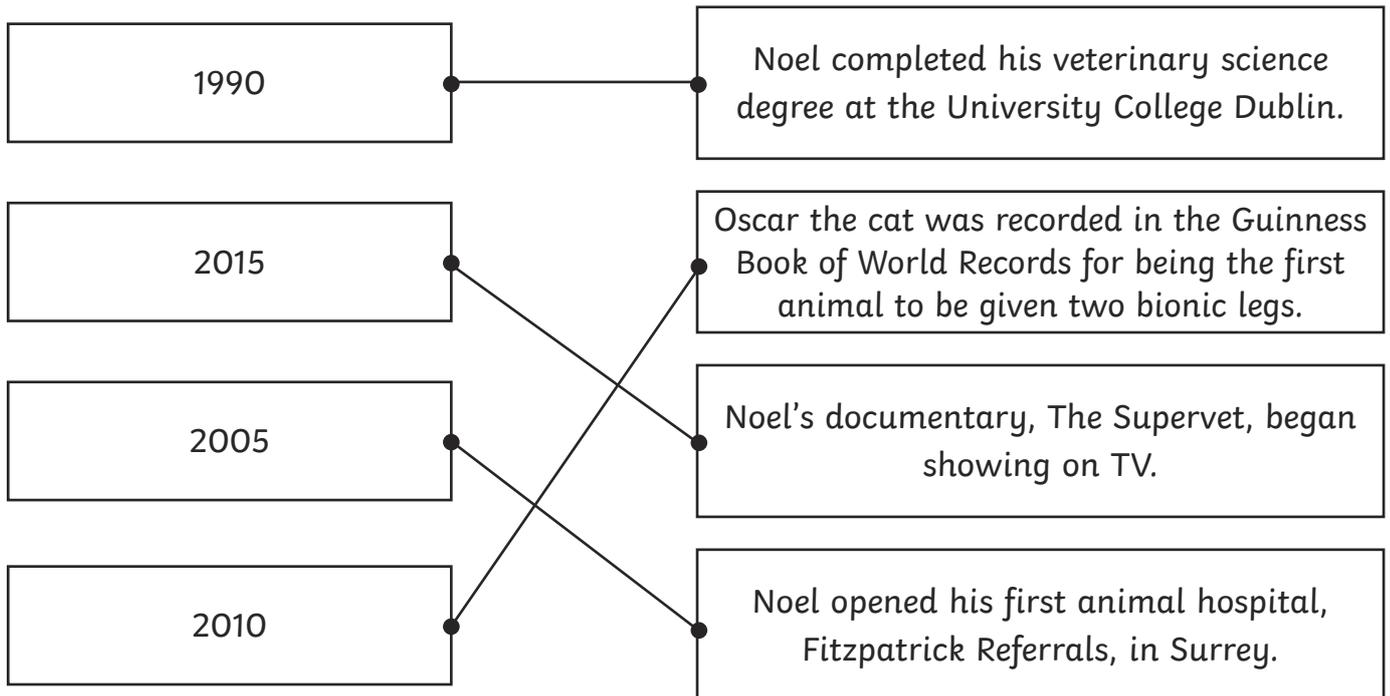
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- **bionic**

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Noel believes in the importance of **compassionate** care and is passionate about finding **innovative** ways to treat animals.

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Why do you think that the author uses the word 'innovative'?

Pupils' own responses, such as: The author uses the word 'innovative' because Noel uses state-of-the-art techniques, like prosthetics, on some of his animals. This surgery is quite unique and uses new technology.

7. Which section of the text do you think is the most important? Explain your answer.

Pupils' own responses, such as: I think the section of the text called Veterinary Career is the most important because it gives information about Noel's experiences and achievements.

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Explain why you think that Noel uses the term 'One Medicine'.

Pupils' own responses, such as: I think Noel uses the term 'One Medicine' because it suggests that humans and animals should all be accessing the same medical care and knowledge. That way, there would be one type of medicine for all creatures and no more.

9. Predict how you think that pet owners might feel when they take their pets to Fitzpatrick Referrals.

Pupils' own responses, such as: I predict that owners taking their pets to Fitzpatrick Referrals may feel worried and anxious because their pets are unwell. However, I also think they will feel hopeful that Noel can help them by finding a solution to their pets' problems.

10. Summarise Noel's achievements in 25 words or fewer.

Pupils' own responses, such as: Noel is a pioneering and innovative veterinary surgeon. He is famous for giving animals prosthetic limbs and helps to train the next generation of vets.