

A pet's best friend

TV vet Scott keeps his feet on the ground in Mile End

By Claire Rudd

WHETHER its taming an angry iguana or dealing with the emotional stresses of a dying animal, Scott Miller, the celebrity vet from Bow, has seen it all.

Animal lovers across the borough will probably have spotted him on This Morning, as the ITV daytime show's resident vet, or on Pet Rehab, the show which deals with unruly animals.

The keen-eyed may even remember him from the first series of Big Brother, when he was responsible for caring for the sick chickens.

But to many he is simply Dr Miller, the man who cares for their pets at Goddard's Veterinary Practice in Burdett Road, Mile End.

He moved to England to from Australia three and a half years ago and, after stints working around the country, he settled in Bow where he lives with his girlfriend and two cats.

So does the 29-year-old prefer East End moggies or the

bright lights of fame?

"I love them both equally. On TV it's a lot different because you don't have to do all the dirty stuff yourself - it's more about getting information.

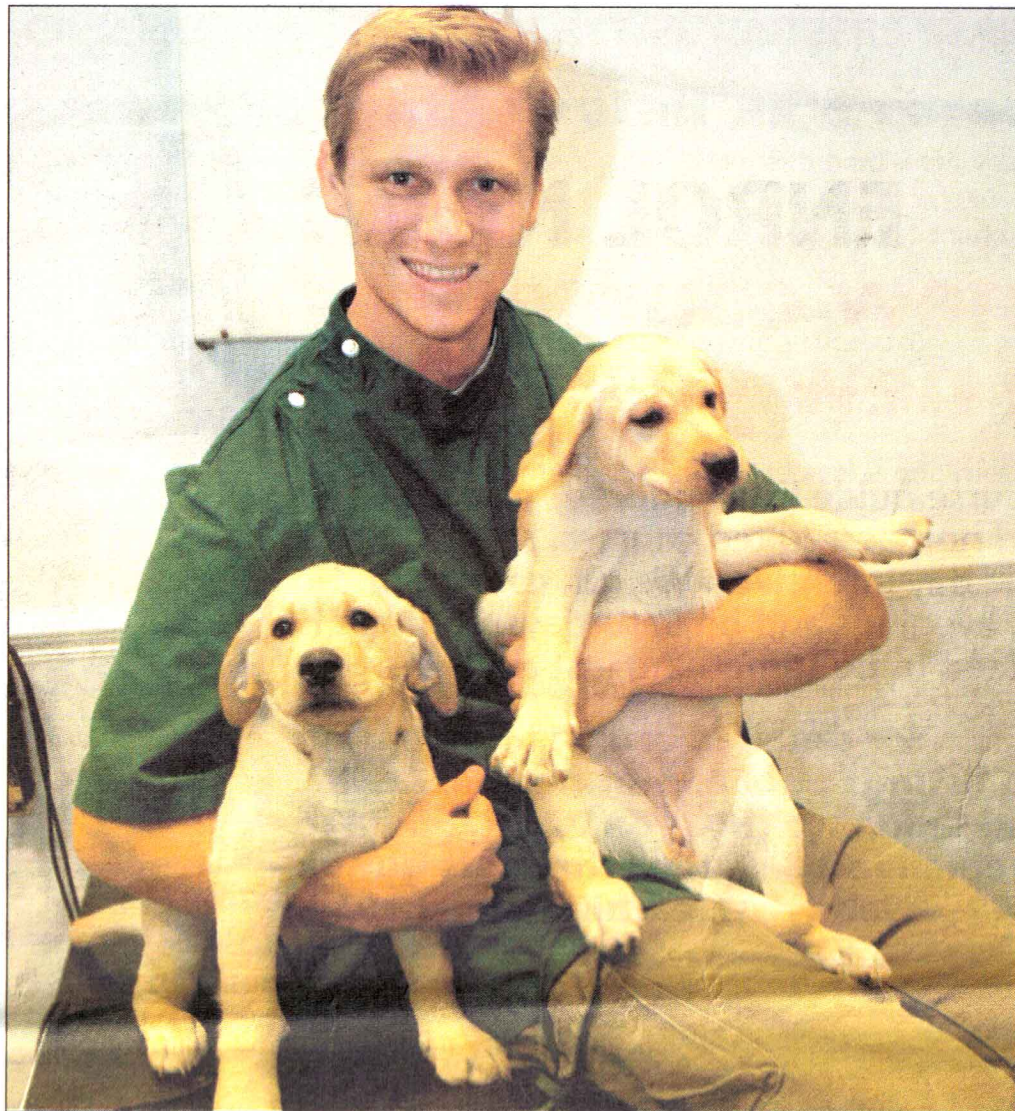
"The good thing about veterinary practice is that I get to talk with my clients and get a relationship going with them. They all know that I've been on the telly and they are all really excited for me.

"When I walk down the street people say 'you're that geezer off the telly' and it always makes me laugh."

Does he miss anything about working in Australia? "I suppose I miss the wildlife. Wherever you are in Australia you are close to the wildlife but in England it's mostly domestic animals.

"But the English love their animals so much it's a pleasure to work here. I always think that anyone who loves animals can't be bad."

And he's enjoying life in the East End: "It's really great being part of the community here and all the shop keepers know each other really well and we've become friends."



TELEVISION STAR: vet Scott Miller, with dogs Honey and Tiny Tim