

Autumn Newsletter 2011

Opening times

8.30-6.00 Monday, Wednesday & Friday

8.30-7.00 Tuesday & Thursday

9.30-12.30 Saturday

24 hour emergency service.

Dogs and cats need dental care too!

Dogs and cats can suffer from periodontal disease, just like us if preventative measures are not taken. Dental disease is one of the most common diseases seen in veterinary practice. By the age of 3, up to 70% of cats and 80% of dogs have signs of dental disease. Problems start with a build of plaque and tartar. If this is not prevented or removed, it can lead to gingivitis, a painful condition of inflamed gums and eventually periodontal disease may develop. Pets could then lose teeth and become prone to infections that may affect other organs of the body.

What can you do to protect your pet from dental disease?

- 1) We advise routine dental checks every 3 months. Our veterinary nurses can demonstrate many aspects of preventative dental care for your pet free of charge.
- 2) Brushing with animal toothpaste is the best thing you can do and is not always as difficult as it sounds especially if you start at a young age. We supply a range of products designed for brushing animal teeth. Visit one of our FREE nurse dental clinics where we can advise you on pet dental care and demonstrate how to brush your pet's teeth to prevent problems in the future.

- 3) Diet – the food that we feed our pets can be a contributing factor to dental problems. We can recommend and supply specially formulated diets which are clinically proven to reduce plaque - helping to reduce progression of dental disease.
- 4) Dental chews are an easy to give and can help maintain your animal's oral hygiene. We recommend Logic Orozyme chews which contain a complex of naturally occurring enzymes which control bacteria responsible for the development of plaque and bad breath.
- 5) Dental scale and polish – regular dental checks will allow us to determine if other dental treatments (e.g. scaling and polishing or extractions) are necessary.

Throughout the month of OCTOBER we are offering all dogs a dental scale and polish for a reduced fee of just £120+VAT for any size of dog.



Special Offers until November!

- + Dog Dental Scale & Polish £120 + VAT (including Anaesthetic)
- + Cat Dental Scale & Polish £99 + VAT (including Anaesthetic)
- + Cat Spays £65 + VAT
- + Bitch Spays £120 + VAT
- + Microchipping £20 + VAT

Harvest Mites



Harvest mites, Harvest bugs or Bracken bugs are names commonly given to the mite *Trombicula Autumnalis*. This 6 legged larva feed on tissue fluid and may cause considerable skin itch and discomfort to both humans and cats during late summer and autumn.

The orange/yellow larvae are just visible to the naked eye. These larvae are present on vegetation and are active during the day, especially when it is dry and sunny. When they come into contact with any warm blooded animal, they swarm on and congregate in areas where there is little hair. The larvae feed by thrusting its hooked fangs into the surface layers of the skin. It then injects a fluid to break down the underlying cells, the resulting liquid food is then sucked back into the digestive system of the larvae. The injected fluid can cause a skin reaction and intense itch. In cats it often results in reddening of the skin and crusted areas, commonly around the base of the ears, neck, around the mouth, groin and under the front legs. These areas can then become infected with bacteria.

Diagnosis is made by observation and identification of larvae through a microscope. There is no licensed treatment for Harvest Mites, however, some particular flea treatments can be effective. A cat which appears to be hypersensitive to the mite may also need glucocorticoid therapy for a short period until the mites have reduced in number.



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health, such as Weight & Diet, Routine Pet Care
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We would like to WELCOME
Michaela, our new veterinary
nurse to the team and would
like to CONGRATULATE Louise
on the birth of her baby girl
Olivia on the 9th August 2011.



NEW SERVICE - VETERINARY ACUPUNCTURE

We are delighted to announce the launch of a new
service for pets - **VETERINARY ACUPUNCTURE**

Charlotte, our qualified vet, has completed a
course in Veterinary Acupuncture and is now a
registered member of the *Association of British
Veterinary Acupuncturists*. Her aim is to provide
effective acupuncture treatment to complement
the conventional medicine that we provide for
pets.

There are many conditions that can benefit from
this form of treatment. For more information
about how Veterinary Acupuncture can help your
pet, please call us to speak to Charlotte.

Each session costs £35.

**Special Introductory Offer - book 4 treatments
for the price of 3**



PET HERO – ARCHIE PETERS



Archie, a 3 year old Yorkshire
Terrier suddenly developed difficulty urinating. Unable to
empty his bladder led to much distress and discomfort. On
noticing Archie's distress, his owner brought him to see us
straight away. We managed to pass a catheter into Archie's
bladder in order to empty it, providing him with instant
relief. However an ultrasound examination of Archie's
bladder revealed multiple small bladder stones which were
the cause of the blockage. Unless these were removed
surgically, Archie's bladder would go on to get blocked
again. We admitted Archie and performed an operation to
open up his bladder and removed the stones



He recovered well and was
soon back to his lively self. There are many causes for
bladder stones in pets, e.g hereditary factors, incorrect diet,
liver disease, urinary infections. Despite extensive
investigations, the cause of Archie's bladder stones remains
a mystery. He has been placed on a special urinary diet in
order to help prevent recurrence of bladder stones and has
regular check ups. He remains bladder stone free 8 months
following his surgery.