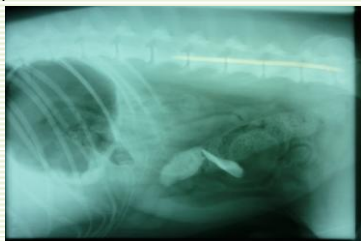




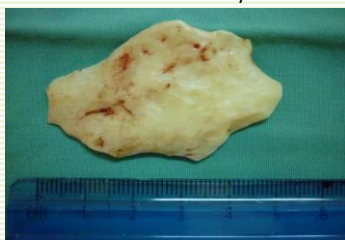
## Bruton Vets Pet Hero



'Barney' a 4 year old Springer Spaniel was brought in after he had been sick several times through the night. He was clearly in pain and normally being a VERY 'springy' Springer, Barney was now quite subdued. We admitted Barney straight away and an x-ray revealed 2 pieces of bone were present in his bowel.



Barney was put on a drip and an exploratory surgery was performed to locate and remove the offending object. A piece of bone was stuck in his intestines, causing a lot of pain – the sharp edges could have ruptured his bowel. It was successfully removed and his bowel was sutured back together. The 2nd piece of bone seen on the x-ray was small enough to pass through Barney's colon and make its own way out in time!



Luckily for his owner, Barney was insured! A direct claim meant that his owner didn't have to worry about the cost.

Thinking of taking your pet away next year?

Contact the surgery to find out what is required to get your pet a passport!



Opening times  
8.30-7.00 Monday-Friday  
10.00-12.00 Saturday  
24 hour emergency service.

## Welcome to the 1<sup>st</sup> ever Bruton Vets Newsletter!!!

We will now be producing a quarterly newsletter to update you with practice events, promotions and seasonal advice.

There have been a few changes at the practice, we have a new owner Stewart and a new vet Charlotte (see back of this newsletter for a full introduction). Having two vets means we can offer longer appointments at more convenient times, as well as daily surgical slots. We have also recently invested in onsite lab facilities, enabling us to produce faster results so we can act quicker to help our patients. We also stock a selected range of diets, accessories and toys for your pet.

The practice has parking available at the front of the practice but we now have a dedicated car park at the rear.

We as a practice want to offer the highest standard of care for your pets, in a friendly and professional environment.

## The Big Chill – a Seasonal Survival Guide

With the onset of colder winter weather, just how prepared are we and our pets for the colder weather? Outlined below are a few tips to keep your pet fit and well: Now is the time when many of us start to feel aches and pains and our pets are no exception! Look out for any limps and difficulties rising after rest; these are signs that your pet may have some joint stiffness – usually made worse by cold or damp weather. If your pet is showing signs of stiffness or limping, please get in touch.

Remember that whilst many dogs love playing in the cold and snow, slim fine coated breeds find it much harder to conserve their body heat and may benefit from dog coats. Also beware of winter hazards such as frozen ponds and lakes.



Around the house, as well as food – pets are often on the lookout for anything else they can eat! Christmas decorations – in particular ribbons and tinsel, are very attractive to pets, and if swallowed, may lead to an intestinal blockage. Whilst on the subject of edible items, don't forget that **chocolate** – especially the plain varieties, can be very toxic to dogs. Cat owners should also be aware that **lilies** pose a significant risk to cats – with all parts of the plant including the flowers and pollen being extremely toxic.

This is also the time of year that many car owners prepare their cars for icy weather. **Antifreeze** (used in car radiators) is a very palatable poison. If swallowed, even small amounts can cause serious illness.

Winter is also a difficult time for all animals that live outside, especially pet rabbits and guinea pigs. It is important to ensure that their hutches are warm and dry and in a sheltered position. Give them fresh food and water every day and check the water bottle regularly to ensure that it has not become frozen. Finally, if you would any further information on these topics – please just give us a call

## \*Spread The Cost! Join our Pet Health Club!\*

### Why it makes perfect sense to join our Pet Health Club

- It helps you provide essential routine care for your pet, which is all part of being a responsible pet owner
- You can save 10% on the costs of treatments and services that keep your pet healthy and happy
- You can spread the cost of routine care by convenient Direct Debit, making it easier to manage
- FREE 6 Monthly Nurse Health Checks, includes weight, dental checks and advice from our trained team

### Look how little our Pet Health Club costs!

Dogs	Small Under 10kg	Medium 10kg - 25kg	Large 25kg - 40kg	Very Large 40 - 80kg
Booster vaccination	£36.00	£36.00	£36.00	£36.00
Worming	£26.06	£25.49	£20.98	£76.48
Fleas, mites and lung worm	£89.64	£99.26	£121.66	£220.92
Total Cost	£151.70	£160.75	£208.64	£333.40
10% Discount	£15.17	£16.07	£20.86	£33.34
Cost per month	<b>£11.38</b>	<b>£12.05</b>	<b>£15.65</b>	<b>£25.00</b>

After receiving your discounted vaccination, this convenient monthly payment will provide all your dogs worming and flea control and next year's booster all with a great discount!

#### A great deal for puppies and kittens!

For puppies and kittens - start at 2nd vaccination and the monthly price includes cost of 2nd vaccination and monthly worming for puppies and kittens until 6 months old.

Cats	Cats	Rabbits	Rabbits
Booster vaccination	£36.00	Myxo vaccination	£62.49
Worming	£25.74	VVC vaccination	£31.31
Flea, mites & worm	£9.01	Worming	£17.26
Total Cost	£145.75	Total Cost	£111.06
10% Discount	£14.57	10% Discount	£11.10
Cost per month	<b>£10.93</b>	Cost per month	<b>£8.33</b>

After receiving your discounted vaccination, this convenient monthly payment will provide all your cats preventative healthcare and next year's booster all with a great discount!

After receiving your discounted vaccination, this convenient monthly payment will provide all your rabbits preventative healthcare and next year's booster all with a great discount!

#### Additional Pet Health Club benefits

- Free six month nurse health check
- 10% off all Hills food

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## Meet the team



**Stewart Halperin BVM&S MRCVS** graduated as Vet from Edinburgh University in 1992 and went on to complete an Internship in Small Animal Medicine and Surgery at the University of Guelph Ontario Veterinary College, Canada the following year. Stewart worked in several referral and emergency clinics in London before starting a group of five surgeries in West London, for which he continues to act as clinical director. In 2009 Stewart was appointed as a director of the London Veterinary Forum which represents and advises some 250 Veterinary Surgeries in many aspects of Practice. Several times each year he attends continuing professional education courses both in the UK and abroad. Delighted to have moved to Bruton in 2009, Stewart lives with Nicola, his 4 year old daughter Honey and their naughty English Springer Coco.



**Charlotte Hilleary BVM&S MRCVS** qualified as a veterinary surgeon from the University of Edinburgh in 2002 and completed an Internship in Small Animal Medicine and Surgery at the University of Edinburgh. She then worked for the PDSA animal charity in Glasgow and managed a large practice in Wiltshire for 5 years. We welcome Charlotte to the practice, she joined us in August 2010. Along with her husband, Charlotte has numerous pets including 2 horses, 2 dogs, chickens, ducks, sheep & pigs!



**Louise Driscoll RVN** has been working in practice since 1999 and qualified as a Veterinary Nurse in 2003 at Langport Veterinary Centre, where she later became Head Nurse. Louise joined Bruton Vets in 2007 as Head Nurse, and is a Hills Nutritional Advisor, a PetPlan Insurance Advisor and Clinical Coach. Louise is responsible for the smooth running of the practice. Louise and her husband spend most of their time walking there very energetic Hungarian Vizsla Gena and being bossed around by their two cats Charlie and Vinnie.



**Amy Puplett ANA** has been working at the practice since 2009 during that time she has qualified (with distinction) as an Animal Nursing Assistant. Amy is currently training to become a Qualified Veterinary Nurse which she will complete in 2012. While not at work or studying Amy enjoys re-schooling and hacking on her horse Pagan. She also has a Springer Spaniel cross Collie Sinjin and a rabbit Pebble.