

Winter Newsletter

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Practice Pet Profile

Since opening nearly two years ago we have now treated nearly 1800 pets which include:

Dogs	863
Cats	695
Rabbits	70
Birds	31
Guinea pigs	30
Small rodents	27
Hamsters	24
Ferrets	8
Chinchillas	6
Tortoises	2
Degu	1
Fish	1
Leopard gecko	1



It's no surprise that the Labrador Retriever is our most popular dog breed.



Our most unusual dog breed is the Russian Terrier which has been bred using the Airedale terrier, Rottweiler, Newfoundland and schnauzer.

We have one LaPerme. This cat is a new type of rex cat which has been bred with a very short curly coat including their Whiskers, ideal for cat lovers with pet hair allergies.



The most popular breeds registered are:

Labrador	94
Jack Russell Terrier	59
West Highland Terrier	37
Border Collie	37
Cocker Spaniel	35
Lhasa Apso	29
German Shepherd	29
Springer Spaniel	28
Golden Retriever	22
Greyhound	21
Yorkshire Terrier	21
Boxer	18
Cavalier King Charles	18
Staffordshire Bull Terrier	17
Basset	15
Bearded Collie	13

Zoom grooms



We have been using Zoom Grooms on dogs and cats whilst they are in the surgery. They love the massaging feel becoming noticeably more relaxed in a potentially stressful environment.



Zoom Grooms do not or tug the skin like other brushes. Their gentle rubber fingers penetrate the pet's coat removing vast amounts loose hair whilst massaging at the same time. Regular grooming can help reduce mats and hairball formation in cats.

Permethrin "spot-on" flea treatment poisoning in cats

The commonest cause of poisoning in cats is now accidental treatment by owners with spot-on flea products intended for use in dogs. Please be extremely careful to ensure your dogs get the dog spot-on and that cats get the cat spot-on.

If there is any possibility of a cat being treated with the wrong product then please contact us immediately for advice.

Pacemakers in Dogs

The fitting of a pacemaker used to involve major thoracic surgery but medical advances now allow the procedure to be done via the jugular vein in a minimally invasive manner.

Approximately 50 dogs a year in the UK now get fitted with pacemakers, usually to try and regulate a heart which is beating too slowly.



PUSS IN BOOTS

Shrek's Feline Friend is named No.1 movie animal by film fans.

Puss In Boots, the Ogre's swashbuckling feline friend in Shrek 2, has been voted the Best Movie Animal this year by readers of a film magazine. The cat, voiced by Spanish heart-throb Antonio Banderas, beat two dogs, a walrus and a camel to the title.

Other animals in the shortlist, for the Total Film poll, include the fat dog from Belleville Rendez-vous, a cartoon about cycle racing. The others were Botok, the baby camel in The Story of the Weeping Camel, the vomiting walrus from Drew Barrymore's comedy 50 First Dates, and Baxter, the pet dog in the Will Ferrell comedy Anchorman Legend of Ron Burgundy.

But diminutive sword-fighting assassin Puss In Boots knocked them all into a cocked hat with 94% of the votes.

Weight control in dogs

There is a new drug available to assist in dog weight loss programs.

It works by reducing the amount of fat absorbed by the intestines. It is not a replacement for strict dietary management which is still crucial to achieving the ideal target weight but it can be helpful in dogs which have reached a sticking point.

The medication is a liquid which is added to the food daily for three weeks then after two weeks off, the three week course is repeated. We have found that dogs will typically lose between 5-10% of their body weight after a course of treatment.

If you would like any further information on nutrition or weight restriction diets please speak to us or send us an email.

Springer Spaniel Owners...

One of our clients has produced calendars using photos of her springer spaniel. The calendars are £7.50 each and are available from us.

Dog Clipping

If your dog dislikes being groomed and finds it all a bit stressful we are happy to clip dogs under sedation.

Please speak to Jenny for further information

Pet Transport Service

If you are unable to transport your pet to the surgery yourself, we can usually arrange to have your pet picked up and delivered



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We have a selection of calendars, diaries and Christmas cards for sale in reception which would make great Christmas presents.

All proceeds go straight to the Cats Protection.

We will have a collection box for homeless cats over Christmas. All food donations are very gratefully received.

Dark evenings

With the nights drawing in for winter, safety when out walking your dogs in the evening is paramount.

New Visiglo dog safety collars and leads have been designed to provide maximum visibility and durability. There designs include Bones, Paws, flashing white LED and green fibre design.

There are host of high visibility accessories which can improve safety for you and your pet during the long, dark winter nights.



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