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PRACTICE NEWS

Autumn Newsletter



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Practice News

****Wedding Bells****

Congratulations to small animal vet Ben and his new bride Miranda on their wedding in June.

****Westmorland County Show****

Come and see us at stand G265 at the show. There'll be lots to see, meet the vets and staff, grab a cuppa and slice of cake, and take away a goody bag.

****Meet New Small Animal Vet- Flora ****

'I graduated from the Royal Veterinary College in London in July. I 1st started seeing practice at Westmorland when I was 12 years old, and completed a number of my clinical placements with them whilst at vet school, so I am already a familiar

face around the practice. I have a keen interest in all aspects of small animal practice, though I particularly enjoy the surgical side of things. Outside of work, I enjoy riding and playing hockey. I am also looking forward to getting a dog of my own in the future'



Take the Stress Out of Bonfire Night

Bonfire night is rapidly approaching and it's time to start thinking about coping strategies for our pets. Many cats and dogs find it a very stressful time of year and enabling them to cope is vital for their well being. Desensitisation programmes can be implemented so long as started early enough. We also recommend calming aids such as pheromone devices and thunder shirts as well as environmental help in the way of dens, food and music. We're here to help so please feel free to ask any of our team for further advice.

More information is available on our website:

www.westmorland-vets.co.uk

Let's have a heart to heart

Heart problems sadly affect pets as well as people. Heart disease affects around 10% of cats and dogs in the UK. Early detection is a major factor in helping to manage the condition and increase life expectancy. Often the condition lies undetected until the pet has difficulty maintaining its circulation, leading to signs of congestive heart failure. Occasionally sudden collapse or even death can unfortunately occur. Early detection may be life-saving.

"Coughing, or a change in your pet's ability to exercise, can indicate that their heart is struggling. Breathing can become laboured, or fast and shallow, and your pet might appear tired or less interested in playing or interacting with you. Weakness or wobbliness can also be an indicator and if your pet collapses

or appears to faint, even if for a short time, it's vital you get them checked. Some pets will go off their food, and others might eat more. Both weight loss or weight gain can be seen, and all pets with a more rounded tummy should be examined for heart disease.

"We recommend that all pets receive a health check regularly. This will include a heart check, which should be done at least annually, and twice a year for older pets or at-risk breeds. At the check, we'll listen for abnormal sounds such as murmurs, or irregular heart rhythms. If we pick up any problems, then we will usually recommend further investigation.

There's lots more information on our website, including a pet symptom poster and heart disease booklet, please take a look, www.westmorland-vets.co.uk/cardiology-focus



Website

Don't forget our website is being constantly updated and has lots of useful information. You can register your pet, book appointments and order repeat prescriptions at the touch of a button. Take a look for yourself www.westmorland-vets.co.uk

Opening Times

Our standard opening times are:

Monday Kendal 08:30 - 7

Tuesday Kendal 08:30 - 7

Wednesday Kendal 08:30 - 7

Thursday Kendal 08:30 - 7

Friday Kendal 08:30 - 7

Saturday Kendal 08:30 - 12

Sunday CLOSED

Consultations are available by appointment.

Consultation hours can vary, so please call us on:

01539 722692

Our Kirkby Lonsdale practice is open Mon and Thurs

8.30-7.00pm, Tues

8.30-6.00pm, Wed and Fri

8.30 - 5.00pm and Sat

8.30-12 noon.

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