

## Practice News.....

### Get Legal.....

Time is running out for you to get your dog microchipped.

From the 6th April it will be a legal obligation that all dogs in England are identified with a microchip registered to the keeper of the dog. The aim of this law is to reunite lost animals with their owners, tackle puppy farming and help encourage responsible ownership. Please be aware that failure to comply could lead to a £500 fine. Here at Westmorland Vets we are trying to help, by offering chipping for only £15. This special offer will run right through until the end of March. Please give us a call to book your appointment with one of our qualified nurses.

### Petplan Vet of the Year

Well done to Mary Crackles who has been nominated for PETPLAN VET OF THE YEAR in the prestigious Petplan Veterinary Awards. Known as the 'Oscars of the Veterinary World', these celebrated awards are highly regarded and to be nominated is a fantastic achievement.

### Pet Appeal

Throughout December we appealed for donations of pet food and toys for our Christmas Pet Appeal. The public excelled themselves and gave generously and we had a huge pile of goodies which we shared between Bentham Pet Rescue, The Retired Greyhound Trust and The Wainwright Animal Shelter. Thanks to everyone who donated and made it such a huge success.



## Agria Pet Insurance

We're now an approved Appointed Representative for Agria, which we think offers the best health insurance cover and the best customer service for you. We recommend Agria's pet insurance to all our clients to help cover unexpected vets bills. It is necessary to understand that not all pet insurance policies are the same. Some policies limit the amount of time, money or both that you can claim for so don't just look at price alone.

At Westmorland Vets we recommend Agria's lifetime insurance products for the following reasons:

- \*Get 5 Weeks Free cover for your puppies and kittens under 18 months old upon their first vaccination appointment with us.
  - \*Lifetime Cover
  - \*£6,500 or £12,500 vet fees cover each year
  - \*First 2 months at half price
  - \*£25 cash back each year to encourage annual vaccinations and health checks included on all higher level policies
  - \*Contribution towards the cost of prescription food up to the value of £250
- Feel free to speak to our trained staff or visit their website [www.agriapet.co.uk](http://www.agriapet.co.uk)

More information is available on our website:  
[www.westmorland-vets.co.uk](http://www.westmorland-vets.co.uk)

## Brave Pets

Chester is an 8 month old labradoodle Chester's owners took him and his friend Meeko (another Labradoodle) to Cunswick Scar for a walk. Everyone was having a great time when unfortunately Chester ran out of sight. His owners rushed over towards where they had last seen him and found themselves on the edge of a small cliff! Chester had fallen over the edge, about a 30ft drop, and had landed on a car bonnet in the car park. He was rushed to the surgery in severe shock and a lot of pain but responded well to his emergency treatment. X-rays revealed he had dislocated his left hip. The team put it back in place but it wouldn't stay in so he had surgery to pin it in place. We are thrilled to report Chester is doing fantastically well and is exercising more and more. He is a very lucky boy and he didn't even damage

the car bonnet that undoubtedly saved his life!

Troy arrived at the surgery in a very sad state. He had been attacked by a large dog minutes earlier. He was in a state of shock and a lot of pain. Troy was admitted for pain relief and a review of his wounds. On initial examination he appeared to have four puncture wounds. An X-ray was taken to see if there was any internal damage. Radiographs revealed herniation of the abdominal muscles. Apparently innocuous puncture wounds were the tip of the iceberg. Poor Troy has been shaken during the attack leading to laceration of the body wall. 2 hours of surgery was undertaken to repair the hernia and try to recreate the body wall. Troy has made a remarkable recovery. A very brave dog indeed.



## Spring Advice and Offers

We have been very busy over the winter months updating our website. We hope you'll like the new version. We are still at the same address [www.westmorland-vets.co.uk](http://www.westmorland-vets.co.uk) so spare a moment to browse our pages and take advantage of our new repeat prescription page and easy to use registration form.

## Opening Times

**Our standard opening times are:**

<b>Monday</b>	Kendal 8.30-7
<b>Tuesday</b>	Kendal 8.30-7
<b>Wednesday</b>	Kendal 8.30-7
<b>Thursday</b>	Kendal 8.30-7
<b>Friday</b>	Kendal 8.30-7
<b>Saturday</b>	8.30 - 12.00
<b>Sunday</b>	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 Frid 8.30 - 5.00pm and Sat 8.30 - 12 noon.

## Westmorland Veterinary Group

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