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Paxton Vet Clinics' Newsletter

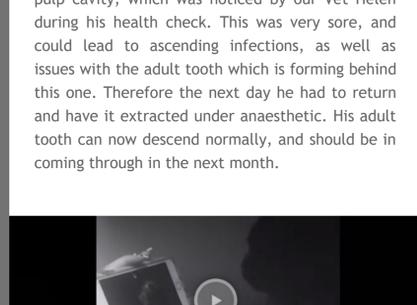
Here you'll find great advice, offers for you and your pet, news, hints & tips, seasonal advice and much, much more!

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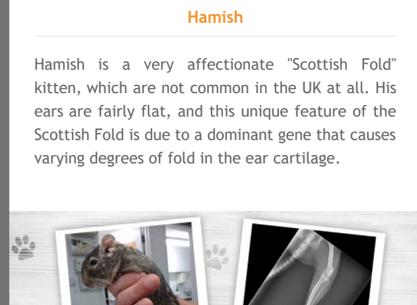
Flo & Lady

Flo and Lady are 9 month old seal point Ragdoll kittens. As they are litter sisters, and very bonded to each other, they were kept together in the same kennel by our nurses, when they spent the day at the Clinic for their spray procedures last week. This ensured that their visit was as stress free as possible, and they could provide comfort and warmth for each other before and after their anaesthetic. What beautiful girls!



Koko

Koko is an Alapaha Blue-Blood Bulldog pup, the first of it's breed that we've ever seen at the Clinics. They were developed from the English Bulldog, mainly in the Southern States of USA, and bred as guard dogs and companions. She will grow into a large dog of around 40kg, and therefore needs special attention paid to her nutrition, and socialisation from a young age. She has already taken to Kong toys, which are fairly indestructible rubber toys, perfect for teething dogs!



Cedrick

Super cute Cedrick is an Irish Terrier pup, who came for his first visit last week. Unfortunately he had managed to fracture his baby tooth through it's pulp cavity, which was noticed by our Vet Helen during his health check. This was very sore, and could lead to ascending infections, as well as issues with the adult tooth which is forming behind this one. Therefore the next day he had to return and have it extracted under anaesthetic. His adult tooth can now descend normally, and should be in coming through in the next month.



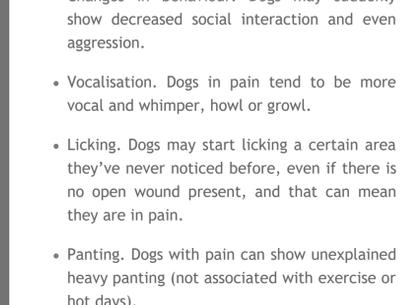
Owl

Owl stayed in the hospital for 2 whole weeks for intensive nursing after ingesting anti-freeze, which damaged her kidneys very badly. At only 11 months old, she was very playful, especially when she started to feel better, so our wonderful nurses spent time playing with her - this game was one of her favourites!



Hamish

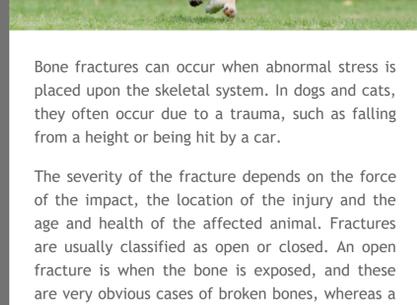
Hamish is a very affectionate "Scottish Fold" kitten, which are not common in the UK at all. His ears are fairly flat, and this unique feature of the Scottish Fold is due to a dominant gene that causes varying degrees of fold in the ear cartilage.



Chewett

Chewett is a very friendly Degu - these rodents originate from Chile and are extremely sociable animals. Unfortunately Chewett had a bit of a tussle with his brother, and came off worse. His foot was very swollen and infected, and required an Xray to ensure he hadn't sustained a fracture. Luckily his foot is now healing up well, and hopefully they can live together in harmony again once he's 100%.

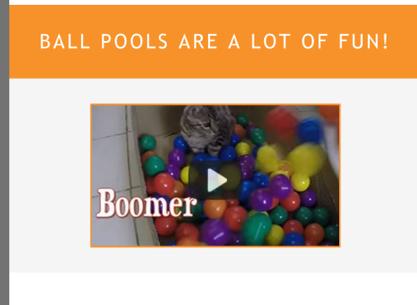
PET BLESSING SERVICE



We were delighted that so many people came to the special Pet Service in Dulwich that we sponsored, bringing along their pets - both large and small.

It was terrific fun, and all involved were very well behaved... phew!!

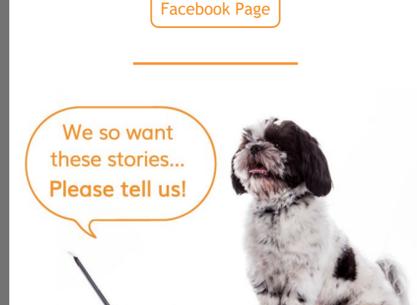
FOX CUB... AAAH !



This tiny fox cub was found on a building site and bought into the Clinic.

It's only a few weeks old, and hadn't yet opened it's eyes, poor little mite. The amazing team at The Fox Project collected him and will continue his care and hopefully rehabilitation to the wild once he's old enough to be released.

IS MY DOG IN PAIN?



Dogs can't tell us when they are hurting and for that reason it is important for dog owners to know how to recognise their pet might be in pain. Here are some signs of pain in dogs:

- Abnormal posture and gait. Dogs in pain may be limping or have a stiff or arched back. They may also assume a prayer position with their front legs on the ground and their rear up in the air.
- Restlessness or changes in their sleeping habits. Dogs in pain can be restless and exhibit an inability to get comfortable and lay still. They might sleep more than usual or have trouble sleeping.
- Decrease in activity level. Dogs in pain may be more lethargic. They can even show reluctance to do certain activities or refuse to move.
- Changes in behaviour. Dogs may suddenly show decreased social interaction and even aggression.
- Vocalisation. Dogs in pain tend to be more vocal and whimper, howl or growl.
- Licking. Dogs may start licking a certain area they've never noticed before, even if there is no open wound present, and that can mean they are in pain.
- Panting. Dogs with pain can show unexplained heavy panting (not associated with exercise or hot days).
- Lack of appetite. This can also be the result of some sort of discomfort.

Being able to identify early signs of pain can lead to a much better outcome for your dog, so if you think he or she is in pain, take him or her to the vet! If you realise your pet may have broken something do your best to keep him or her as still as possible. Transporting your pet on a hard moveable surface can help with this. It is also important to remember that injured animals can easily bite or scratch under these circumstances, since they are often scared and in a lot of pain.

BONE FRACTURES IN DOGS AND CATS



Bone fractures can occur when abnormal stress is placed upon the skeletal system. In dogs and cats, they often occur due to a trauma, such as falling from a height or being hit by a car.

The severity of the fracture depends on the force of the impact, the location of the injury and the age and health of the affected animal. Fractures are usually classified as open or closed. An open fracture is when the bone is exposed, and these are very obvious cases of broken bones, whereas a closed fracture is when the skin over the affected area remains intact.

Common signs that you may notice if your pet has a bone fracture include: crying especially if touched, limping or not walking, swelling of the affected area, not eating or grooming and licking the affected area. If it is a broken back, paralysis may also occur.

If your dog or cat has been in an accident or if you notice any of these signs bring him or her to the vet! If you realise your pet may have broken something do your best to keep him or her as still as possible. Transporting your pet on a hard moveable surface can help with this. It is also important to remember that injured animals can easily bite or scratch under these circumstances, since they are often scared and in a lot of pain.

BALL POOLS ARE A LOT OF FUN!

We'd love this newsletter to be about you & your pet too...

- Have you got a story to tell?
- Would you like an answer to a question?
- We'd love to see a photo of your pet that we can share
- Have they been brave lately ... have they survived an accident or illness?

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We so want these stories... Please tell us!

DOG TRIVIA

"A dog has the soul of a philosopher" - Plato

CAT FACT

When cats hit you with retracted claws, they are playing, not attacking

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