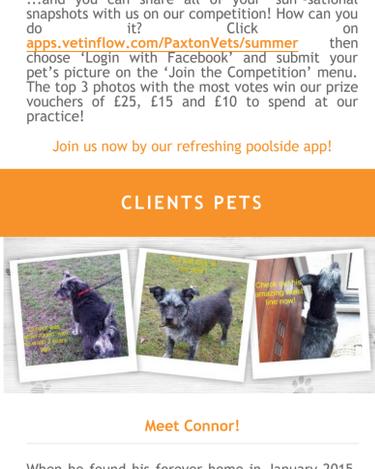


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PRACTICE NEWS



Splash into our Summer Photo Competition! Want to win some prizes and share the best photos your pet has to offer? You're in the right place! Join our app...

apps.vetinflow.com/PaxtonVets/summer

...and you can share all of your 'sun'-sational snapshots with us on our competition! How can you do it? Click on apps.vetinflow.com/PaxtonVets/summer then choose 'Login with Facebook' and submit your pet's picture on the 'Join the Competition' menu. The top 3 photos with the most votes win our prize vouchers of £25, £15 and £10 to spend at our practice!

Join us now by our refreshing poolside app!

CLIENTS PETS



Meet Connor!

When he found his forever home in January 2015, he was so overweight, he could hardly walk a circuit of the park. He was very withdrawn and rather bad tempered, especially at the Vets!

Over the last 2 years, Connor's owner has worked very hard with him at home, and with regular trips to the Clinic to managing his weight and allergy issues. Now he's at his ideal weight and loves nothing more than running around the park with his friends and being a social boy in the pub garden, enjoying all of the attention! He now pulls to come in the Clinic, especially to see his friend Becky the Vet Nurse.



Mo

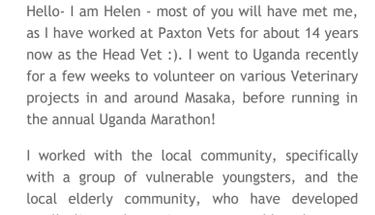
Poor Mo the Tortoise was picked up by a fox from his garden and carried off! Luckily his eagle eyed owner, who has cared for him for the past 57 years(!) found him in a neighbours garden and bought him home. He came in to see the Vet for a check up, but luckily he hasn't sustained any lasting damage, apart from tooth marks to his shell.

Poor old Mo !



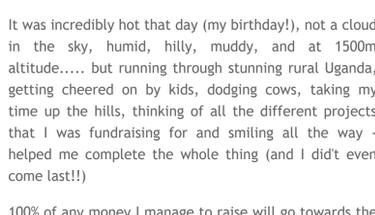
Bobbie

Bobbie went missing over 3 years ago, and his owner had given up hope of ever finding him. However, he has been returned this week after being scanned for a microchip and traced back to his owner - AMAZING NEWS !!!



Willow

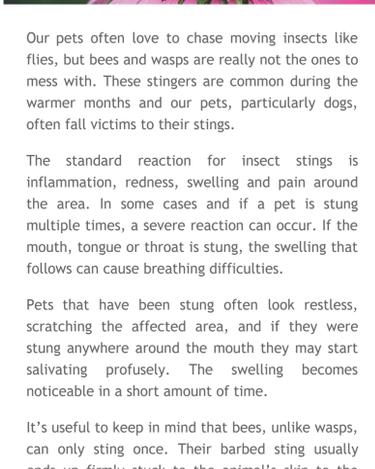
Willow's owner was fairly alarmed when her guinea pig yawned and she noticed a large growth in her mouth, just behind her lower incisor teeth. This is a very odd position for a growth, but luckily Frankie, our Vet, was able to remove it under anaesthetic, and Willow was back to her happy self again within 24 hours.



Enzo

How comfortable does Enzo look, curled up on our Receptionists chair on his first visit?! He was very brave for his microchip, which it is a legal requirement for all dogs to have implanted by the age of 8 weeks

PAWS IN THE PARK DOG SHOW

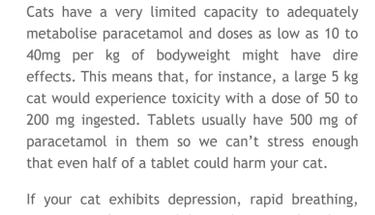


We were extremely proud to sponsor the first ever "Paws in the Park" Dog Show, as part of the Crystal Palace Overground Festival, at the weekend, which was a HUGE SUCCESS! Although it was extremely hot, we were prepared with ample water to cool the dogs down, and they (and their owners) coped extremely well, and every class was packed, making the Judges' (including our Head Vet Helen) decisions extremely hard!

Please do have a look at all of the fantastic photos on our Facebook Page

www.facebook.com/pg/Paxtonvets/photos

UGANDA



Hello - I am Helen - most of you will have met me, as I have worked at Paxton Vets for about 14 years now as the Head Vet :). I went to Uganda recently for a few weeks to volunteer various Veterinary projects in and around Masaka, before running in the annual Uganda Marathon!

I worked with the local community, specifically with a group of vulnerable youngsters, and the local elderly community, who have developed small livestock projects to enable them to facilitate a sustainable livelihood. These include pigs, chickens, goats and cows, and I used my Veterinary skills to try and improve their welfare and production. All very far removed from my normal day job in South London looking after your pets, and a bit daunting, however I was super excited to take part on this challenge.



A big thank you to everyone who sponsored me to run the Uganda Marathon, which was one of the toughest ordeals I've ever put myself through, but I'm pleased to say that, despite the odds, and not being particularly fit, I MADE IT !!!

It was incredibly hot that day (my birthday!), not a cloud in the sky, humid, hilly, muddy, and at 1500m altitude..... but running through stunning rural Uganda, getting cheered on by kids, dodging cows, taking my time up the hills, thinking of all the different projects that I was fundraising for and smiling all the way - helped me complete the whole thing (and I didn't even come last!!)

100% of any money I manage to raise will go towards the projects that I worked on in the days leading up to the Marathon so, as promised, here are a few photos of what I got up to.

THANK YOU so very much to those who have sponsored me, and if anyone else is inspired to do so from these photos, then you still can using this link:

www.mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/helenspencer

A few pounds goes such a long way in Uganda and is hugely appreciated by the community in Masaka town.

INSECTS STINGS IN PETS



Our pets often love to chase moving insects like flies, but bees and wasps are really not the ones to mess with. These stingers are common during the warmer months and our pets, particularly dogs, often fall victims to their stings.

The standard reaction for insect stings is inflammation, redness, swelling and pain around the area. In some cases and if a pet is stung multiple times, a severe reaction can occur. If the mouth, tongue or throat is stung, the swelling that follows can cause breathing difficulties.

Pets that have been stung often look restless, scratching the affected area, and if they were stung anywhere around the mouth they may start salivating profusely. The swelling becomes noticeable in a short amount of time.

It's useful to keep in mind that bees, unlike wasps, can only sting once. Their barbed sting usually ends up firmly stuck to the animal's skin to the point where it is literally pulled off from the bee. As a result, the sting stays attached to the skin while the bee dies. Wasps don't have this problem, and therefore can sting multiple times.

If your unlucky pet gets stung by a bee check the affected area and remove the sting if it is still there. Simply scraping it off can squeeze leftover venom into your pet's skin so be sure to squeeze carefully. Do not hesitate to contact us if your pet gets stung, if you notice any of the signs mentioned above or if you are at all worried!

PARACETAMOL INTOXICATION IN CATS

Paracetamol, also known as acetaminophen, is a common over the counter drug in human medicine used to relieve mild pain and reduce fever.

As such, it's something tremendously easy to find around the house and that some owners might be tempted to use on their pets for the same reason we use it on ourselves.

We urge you that you do not give your cat any paracetamol and never, ever let them play with or chew on anything that could contain paracetamol. Cats have a very limited capacity to adequately metabolise paracetamol and doses as low as 10 to 40mg per kg of bodyweight might have dire effects. This means that, for instance, a large 5 kg cat would experience toxicity with a dose of 50 to 200 mg ingested. Tablets usually have 500 mg of paracetamol in them so we can't stress enough that even half of a tablet could harm your cat.

If your cat exhibits depression, rapid breathing, vomiting, salivation, abdominal pain and oedema and you suspect there is any chance they could have come in contact with paracetamol, bring them in immediately!

The onset of signs is a couple of hours after ingestion and death may happen due to liver failure in under two days so the sooner treatment starts, the better their chances are.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us on 01380 72850!

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WE WISH WE WERE THIS EXCITED ABOUT EXERCISING!

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?

Please email to

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