

WELCOME TO CLAWS & PAWS
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!

PRACTICE NEWS

SUMMER PHOTO COMPETITION



We had such wonderful pictures submitted into our competition, we just had to share them with all of you. Here is a video with all the photos! Thank you so much for entering our competition!

PET PLAN AWARDS 2018

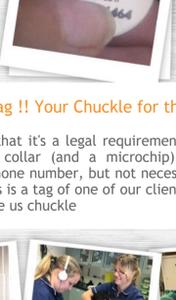
Nominate today!
Petplan.co.uk

Every year Pet Plan gives out awards for veterinary staff that are nominated by clients. These awards help to celebrate the hard work and dedication of veterinary staff.

If you would like to nominate someone at Paxton Vets whether it be a Vet, Nurse or Receptionist then just pop in to collect a nomination form, or online at www.petplan.co.uk/vetawards.

Thank you

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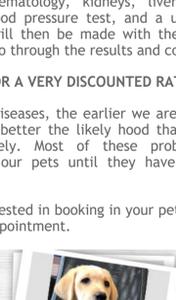


Happy Birthday Alex

HAPPY BIRTHDAY Alex who was 12 recently.

As you can probably tell by his face, he was over the moon to be given a Yorkshire Terrier puppy for his birthday by his parents. Alex realises that he has a lot of learning to do in order to care for and train his pup, and has made a great start by coming to talk to one of our Nurses for advice on this, and to get his new puppy checked over by the Vet.

What a very lucky boy, and we are delighted to have such a keen new dog owner in our community



Good news for Stray Cat & her Kittens

This lovely stray cat and her 2 week old kittens came into the Clifton clinic for a Health check recently. Our new Vet Helen gave them all a thorough examination and was very pleased to discover that both mum and kittens were all lovely and healthy - except for being riddled with FLEAS!

Fleas can be extremely serious in such young kittens as they can become anaemic from the fleas feeding on their blood. Kittens can become very poorly from flea anaemia and will be lethargic, disinterested in food or water, dehydrated and grow poorly, or even lose weight. If left untreated this can be fatal, so it is really important to give them flea and worm treatment!

Luckily for this furry family they have all received appropriate parasite control while they were in the clinic (mum too!) and are all doing well.



Dog Tag !! Your Chuckle for the day!

Did you know that it's a legal requirement to have a tag on your dog's collar (and a microchip). You need to include your phone number, but not necessarily the name of the dog. This is a tag of one of our client's very naughty dog which made us chuckle



Betsy

Betsy won the Best Rescue Cat at the dog show that we proudly sponsored as part of the Crystal Palace Underground Festival.

Part of her prize was a SENIOR HEALTH CHECK at the clinic, which she came in for last week, and I'm pleased to report she had almost perfect results.

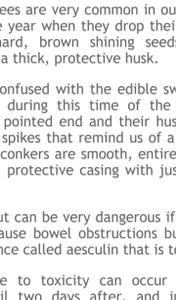
We offer these MOT type health checks for any older animal (cats over the age of 10, and dogs over the age of 8) to evaluate your pet thoroughly, and put in place any measures necessary to help them live as long and healthy a life as possible.

Your pet will be admitted for the day and given a thorough health check, including a full examination by the vet (to check eyes, teeth, heart, lungs, abdomen, weight and general body condition), a blood test (to check the haematology, kidneys, liver, glucose and protein), a blood pressure test, and a urine check. An appointment will then be made with the Vet the same afternoon, to go through the results and collect your pet.

*****ALL THIS FOR A VERY DISCOUNTED RATE OF £80*****

As with most diseases, the earlier we are able to detect problems, the better the likely hood that we can treat them effectively. Most of these problems are not detectable in our pets until they have become fairly advanced.

If you are interested in booking in your pet, call the clinic today for an appointment.



Coco

Would you look at that pose!

Coco is a 10 week old Labrador and came in to be checked over by our Vet Frankie as soon as the owner fetched her from the breeder. A Vet check at this point is always a good idea, to ensure that your new puppy is as fit and healthy as the breeder has promised, and also so that we can help you with any questions you might have about owning a new pet. Our nursing team are all trained to help you to ensure that your pup (or kitten) has a smooth transition from being with it's mum and litter mates, to being alone in it's new home, which can be a scary and bewildering time for them.

Call us today if you have a new puppy or kitten and would like any advise, or to book a Vet health check.



Freddie & Bobby

Freddie has a new friend! Tiny Bobby is Freddie's new companion, and came for his first visit ever recently to be checked out by the Vet (plus his cuddly toy too).

STAFF NEWS

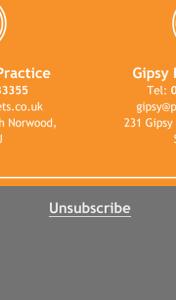


A BIG WELCOME to our new Vet Helen Harrison!

Helen will mainly be working at our Clifton Road branch. She's moved to London from Bristol and is slowly finding her way around our wonderful city. Do say hello if you are meeting her for the first time.

With Helen joining us, it means we have expanded in number to a FOUR VET SUPER TEAM!

Each of our Vets is a great general practitioner. All 4 have their particular interests, and work as a team to be able to provide our clients with the best possible Veterinary care in both preventative healthcare, medicine and surgery.



Congratulations Jason

Congratulations to our Animal Care Assistant Jason who did fantastically well at the London Championship Rabbit Show last week.

Out of 1500 rabbits at the event, one of his many bunnies won **SECOND BEST IN THE WHOLE SHOW** as well as a whole list of other prizes:

- # Best adult red eyed white Lionhead
- # 3rd Best adult lionhead
- # 4th Best Lionhead in the Lionhead Stock show
- # Best Adult Red Eyed White
- # 3* Challenge Certified award

JUST WOW!!!

Jason works so hard to keep his rabbits in tip top condition, and spends hours each day feeding, grooming and handling them. We are so proud of him and his achievements, and it is thoroughly well deserved.

Team Paxton

We had a Team Paxton BBQ, and it was lovely to see everyone together having fun.

It was a chance to really welcome our new members of staff (Helen H and Jacqui), meet family members, kids, and also catch up with previous colleagues who we miss dearly (Leah and Adam). We really are blessed with a super team!

FIREWORK SEASON

Fireworks season is just around the corner and for many pets this is a very distressing and difficult time. It is estimated that 45% of all dogs in the UK show signs of fear when they hear fireworks. This problem is even more serious if you consider that there is a significant increase in the number of lost pets during this time of the year. If given the chance, a scared pet can run off and get lost. Please remember to microchip your pet if you haven't done so already and to check your details with the microchip company.

The best way to avoid this problem is to think ahead. There are several therapies available that can make a difference and help your pet go through this season.

We can recommend and prescribe medications and products that can help your pet feel more calm and deal with all the loud noises. There are also long term treatments involving behaviour modification techniques that might be worth considering.

CONKERS

Horse chestnut trees are very common in our country and this is the time of the year when they drop their chestnuts to the ground. These hard, brown shiny seeds also known as conkers sit inside a thick, protective husk.

Conkers can be confused with the edible sweet chestnuts we all enjoy to eat during this time of the year. The sweet chestnuts have a pointed end and their husk is covered with many thin, sharp spikes that remind us of a hedgehog. Unlike sweet chestnuts, conkers are smooth, entirely round and they sit inside a thick, protective casing with just a few spikes on it.

The horse chestnut can be very dangerous if ingested not only because it can cause bowel obstructions but also because it contains a substance called aesculin that is toxic for pets.

Clinical signs due to toxicity can occur from 6 hours of ingestion up until two days after, and include salivation, vomiting, diarrhoea, abdominal pain, excessive drinking and a reduced appetite.

If you notice your dog may have ingested these poisonous nuts please do not hesitate and bring him or her to vet immediately. Do your best to discourage your dogs from playing with them to avoid unnecessary visits to the vet.

HAVE FUN THIS HALLOWEEN AND KEEP YOUR PETS SAFE!

Happy Halloween everybody! We hope you have a great day filled with lots of spooky decorations, sweets, scary looking pumpkins and brilliant costumes!

We feel this is an excellent time to remind all owners to keep their pets away from sweets and to carefully dispose of all food wrappers. From chocolate to xylitol, these sweets often contain substances that are dangerous for our pets. The wrappers are also a problem if swallowed, considering that they can cause bowel obstructions.

Dressing up our furry companions has become a huge trend in the UK and there are many choices available on the market these days. Some pets do not tolerate being dressed up and may feel uncomfortable. If you are considering dressing up your pet please keep in mind that the outfit should fit without jeopardising his or her breathing. Pet costumes should not restrict their movements or interfere with their normal behaviour.

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

clifton@paxtonvets.co.uk

OR

Post directly to our [Facebook Page](#)

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

DOG TRIVIA

Hollywood's first and arguably best canine superstar was Rin Tin Tin, a five-day-old German Shepherd found wounded in battle in WWI France and adopted by an American soldier, Lee Duncan. He would sign his own contracts with his paw print.

CAT FACT

On average, cats spend 2/3 of every day sleeping. That means a nine-year-old cat has been awake for only three years of its life.

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