



WELCOME TO CLAWS & PAWS

Paxton Vets Newsletter

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

PRACTICE NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR WINNERS!
SUMMER PHOTO COMPETITION

1ST PLACE
Olivia Lue

2ND PLACE
Terri Hudson

3RD PLACE
Sonia Bharadia

We would like to start by thanking everyone that has entered our Summer Photo Competition. All the heart-warming photos and your enthusiasm have certainly made our Summer a lot more fun! Thank you all for sharing these summer moments with us and for voting for your favourite pictures. Your votes decided our winners!

We are very happy to announce that the winners are:

First place: Olivia Lue
Prize: £25 Voucher to spend on anything at Paxton Vet Clinics

Second place: Terri Hudson
Prize: £15 Voucher to spend on anything at Paxton Vet Clinics

Third place: Sonia Bharadia
Prize: £10 Voucher to spend on anything at Paxton Vet Clinics

Congratulations to our winners!
Thank you for entering our competition

SAY NO TO PLASTIC



We are no longer using plastic bags at the clinics, but have moved to paper bags.

Better still, please do bring your own re-usable bag if you are collecting medication/food.

CELEBRATING OUR OLDER PATIENTS



We share a fair few lovely photos of puppies and kittens, however on this newsletter we'd like to celebrate the more elderly patients among the Paxton Family such as Misty. You wouldn't guess from her photo but she's actually 17 years old!

Misty was very unwell at the start of the year, she lost a lot of weight and had persistent diarrhoea; which wasn't pleasant for her, or her owner. Our Vet team undertook an intestinal biopsy to diagnose her condition fully, and with targeted treatment, she's gone from strength to strength. What an amazing old lady!



HARVEST MITES in cats

Ever heard of Harvest mites? Like all parasites, they are the type to crash on our late summer and autumn outdoor parties like it's nobody's business!

Scientifically called Neotrombicula (or just Trombicula) autumnalis, these mites are only a problem for cats in their six-legged larvae stage. As soon as they turn into eight-legged nymphs and adults, they prefer to be on the soil and leave our pets alone.

These larvae feed directly on parts of the skin and because of that they cause itching, erosion, skin eruptions and even hair loss. Good news is, many infected animals might not even show any clinical signs.

Diagnosis is done via direct observation but a superficial skin scraping and a microscope will confirm its really Neotrombicula autumnalis.

Worry not! If you see these creepy crawlies all over your cat or have a feline friend with these signs, schedule an appointment with us and we can discuss the best way to deal with it.

HUMAN, DOG, CAT WHAT'S DIFFERENT?

NORMAL TEMPERATURE

CAT 38 - 39,5°C
DOG 37,5 - 39°C
HUMAN 36 - 37°C

KARYOTYPE

CAT 19 PAIRS
DOG 39 PAIRS
HUMAN 23 PAIRS

HEART RATE

CAT 100-180
DOG 60-120
HUMAN 60-100

NUTRITION

OMNIVORE
CARNIVORE

There are many biological and physiological aspects we have in common with cats and dogs, as we share a big part of the evolutionary path with these species. But there are also many differences!

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

The most popular breed of dog in the world by registered ownership is the Labrador. With their gentle nature, obedience, intelligence and near limitless energy, Labradors make for excellent family pets and reliable workers. They often assist police and are a common choice as guide dogs.

CAT FACT

Cats can be lethal hunters and very sneaky, when they walk their back paws step almost exactly in the same place as the front paws did beforehand, this keeps noise to a minimum and limits visible tracks.