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THE IMPORTANCE OF VACCINATION IN CATS

Immunity and vaccination:

Immunity is the body's natural ability to fight infection. Vaccination confers immunity by exposing the body to a small but entirely harmless dose of the disease in question. Kittens are usually protected during the first few weeks of life by antibodies passed through the mother's first milk. However, this immunity fades rapidly, leaving the kitten susceptible to disease within a few weeks. At this point, vaccination can take over in providing protection.

The first time a kitten is vaccinated, a course of two injections is given, usually three weeks apart. This primary course can be given to kittens as young as nine weeks of age and at any age thereafter. Immunity to disease gradually fades, leaving your cat at risk, so annual boosters are needed. The annual visit to your vet will also allow for a general health check which may help to pick up any other problems before they become too serious.

What diseases do we vaccinate against?

Cat Flu remains depressingly common in the UK, and can be very serious, especially in kittens and elderly cats. It is spread between cats by direct contact or through sneezing. Several microbes are known to cause the disease, all producing similar symptoms such as runny nose and eyes, high temperatures and extreme lethargy. Regular vaccination is the best means of keeping the disease at bay.

Infectious Enteritis is an unpleasant and often fatal disease. Fortunately vaccination has been extremely successful in controlling the disease and it is now relatively rare.

Feline Leukaemia is a viral disease, transmitted when cats fight each other, or even during grooming. The disease can take months to develop after infection but then it begins to suppress the cat's immune system, causing secondary infections, tumours and death. Not long ago, feline leukaemia was both widespread and common, but vaccination is now gradually bringing it under control.

Remember: Vaccination is the only safe way to provide immunity against a number of dangerous diseases which continue to infect cats in the UK. When kept up-to-date, as recommended by your vet, regular vaccination can keep your pet protected for life.

FINANCE AVAILABLE *Spread the cost of vet bills*

**14.9% APR
Representative**

Representative Example			
Loan Amount	£1,000.00	Monthly Repayment	£89.77
Deposit	£0.00	Total Repayable	£1077.24
Loan Term	12 months	14.9% APR Representative	

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CASTLE VETS CHARITY FUNDRAISING

Thank you to everyone who purchased books from our second hand book sale over the last two months raising £95.50 towards Adrian Brown's Cotswold Way Challenge. Along with the £100 on the sponsorship form, £121.45 from other sponsorship forms and £579.94 online, he raised a total of £896.89. Adrian ran 100 miles over 4 days to raise funds for The Margaret Green Foundation, Wingletang Pet Rescue Centre near Tavistock.



Over the next two months we will be raising funds for the Lifton Bikers Jogle. Here is what they have to say: " We are 8 middle aged men in Lycra taking on this epic challenge to cycle from John O'Groats to Lands End in 14 days. We plan to raise as much money and awareness as possible for Motor Neurone Disease on behalf of our friend Jeremy Durrant, who has been battling this incurable disease for approx. 3 years. Jeremy's courage and determination is the inspiration behind this cycle ride.

We are taking 2 weeks off work to do the 1000 mile bike ride which is completely self-funded, so all the money raised goes to the MND charity. While the training is tough at the moment, with the wind, rain and occasional hail, it is a truly fantastic opportunity for all involved. Some say the bike ride itself is a life changing experience, we are sure with everyone's support and a bit of sponsorship, we can make it a life changing experience for others that have been dealt one of the cruellest illnesses.

We are setting our fund raising target at £10,000, but we intend to smash that with your support. Your donations are paramount to help us achieve our target in fundraising on behalf of MND, we would like to thank each and every one of you in anticipation of your support for one of the biggest challenges of our lives."

Donations can be made via their Just Giving Page at www.justgiving.com/LiftonBikers/ or on a sponsorship form which can be found in either reception at Castle Vets. Cheques should be made payable to "Lifton Bikers"

FUN CORNER

Come and see us at the Launceston Show on Thursday 28th July. We will have displays, fun quizzes, giveaways (mainly for the children but some for adults too!) plus some of our staff will be there to chat to. You will find our stand up behind the cattle pens so please come and say hello! Below is a wordsearch listing many of the things you will be able to find while at the show:

AGRICULTURAL	BEER TENT	COMPETITIONS	COWS	DISPLAYS	
FARMERS	FLAGS	FLOWERS	HORSES	ICE CREAM VAN	
MARQUEES	PRIZES	SHEEP	SHOPPING	SHOWRING	TRACTORS

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Fun Corner –the famous rabbits/rabbit stories were:

Roger Rabbit,	The Easter Bunny,	Thumper,	Watership Down,
Bugs Bunny,	Peter Rabbit,	The Mad March Hare	The White Rabbit,