



CASTLE VETERINARY GROUP LTD

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24hr emergency in-house veterinary cover. Consultations by appointment only.

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Our Top Tips for Flea and Tick Control

Unfortunately it is not just us that enjoy the lovely summer weather. This time of year is ideal for fleas and ticks as well. Over the last month we have seen increasing numbers of animals with these parasites so we wanted to share our top tips to keep these creepy crawlies away.

- Always check with us for advice on the best product for your pet.
- Spot on products can be very effective if used correctly but must be applied to the animal's skin and not on the coat. Any product that goes onto the coat is simply wasted as it will not be absorbed.
- If your pet has a very thick coat or is very wriggly then you might find it easier to use a tablet formulation to ensure that your pet has got their full dose. Our nurses are always happy to help with administering medication so why not make an appointment for one of their free clinics.
- If you see fleas on one of your pets it is very important that all your pets are treated with an appropriate and effective product and that the environment is treated as well.
- Did you know that it is not just carpets that provide an ideal environment for flea eggs and larvae. The cracks between floorboards and under the skirting boards can actually harbour more immature stage fleas than a carpet.
- When treating the environment make sure that you follow the product instructions and also that you move and spray under any furniture and under skirting boards and between floorboards. After application, vacuum vigorously. Repeat this vacuuming daily for at least a week. The vibrations help to encourage fleas to hatch from the pupae, which are resistant to insecticides, so that they can then be killed which helps to break the cycle of infestation in your home.



Date for your diary!

Castle Veterinary Group Open Afternoon Saturday 17th September 2016, 3.00pm onwards.

We will be having an open day here at Pennygillam giving you chance to come along and see behind the scenes. We will have guided tours of the surgery, lots of informative and fun displays, competitions to win prizes, staff and animals to meet, plus other stalls and food & drinks available.

Repeat Prescriptions and Medicines Assessments

We ask that you always phone ahead to request repeat medications so we can check we have them in stock, have time to check any queries with the vet and get them dispensed ready for collection. It may also be that your pet needs a repeat medicines assessment.

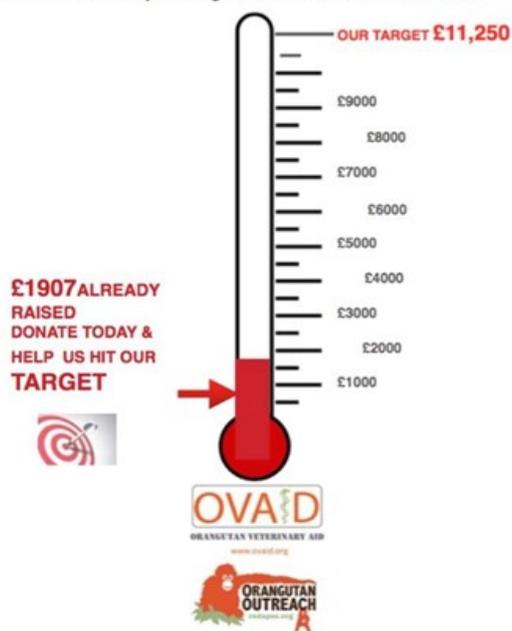
Please be aware that you will be asked to bring your pet in for a check every 4 months, unless instructed otherwise by your vet. This is required by law so the vet can assess their condition, make any necessary alterations to their prescription or discuss other medications which may be more suitable.

This applies to **all** patients on repeat medicines so please do not be offended if you are asked to bring your pet in before being allowed further medication.

OVAID (Orangutan Veterinary Aid) “Need for Speed” Campaign



Urgent campaign to provide 5 'Speedy Breedy' mini diagnostic laboratory machines for the major orangutan rescue centres in Indonesia



OVAID is the charity formed by vet Nigel Hicks and his wife Sara. They are currently working in the rescue and rehabilitation centre in Borneo. Along with Orangutan Outreach, they are jointly fundraising to provide a vital Speedy Breedy mini laboratory machine for each of the 5 major rescue centres.

Transporting samples to laboratories in Indonesia is logistically difficult and the Speedy Breedy will be used on site to reach an early diagnosis. Early diagnosis = early treatment and your donations towards these machines will help save orangutan lives.

They urgently need to raise £11,250 to purchase Speedy Breedy machines. Please help them reach this target by donating at virginmoneygiving.com/fund/speed

For more information on Ovaid and their work please go to www.ovaid.org/ or their Facebook page.

It's summer – time to bee happy in the sunshine! Can you answer our bee related quiz?

1. Do bees sleep?
 2. What is pollen a good source of?
 3. How many times do bees wings beat per second?
 4. Number of bees in an average hive?
 5. How far can a bee fly?
 6. What do bees make honey from?
 7. Why are honey bees reluctant to sting you?
 8. What is the scientific name for bees?
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