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MARCH 2017 NEWSLETTER

SPOT THE SIGNS & SAVE A LIFE

Small problems can lead to much larger issues. Early detection and treatment can save you money and give your pet a longer, happier and healthier life.

Killing with kindness?

“Max loves his food, but he is lazy. No wonder he’s put on some weight. Now he’s stopped jumping up, is there a serious issue?” 1 out of 2 UK dogs and cats are obese or overweight, obesity is linked to serious diseases such as diabetes and arthritis.

Keeping your pet trim should always be a priority

Minding the bumps!

“Ozzie is not getting any younger but is still lively. Underneath her coat I can feel a couple of lumps and bumps; is this because she is getting older?”

Some lumps can prove cancerous but many can be managed successfully if spotted early

Bad Breath?

“Pete’s breath is definitely worse than it used to be! Maybe it’s just him.” 75% of UK pets suffer from dental disease which could be associated with infection, pain and serious illnesses.

Regular dental examination and cleaning can prevent tartar and gum disease

Unacceptable behaviour?

“Casper’s always been timid, but since the new baby he spends more time hidden away and the other day he sprayed urine on the arm of the sofa – perhaps it’s just jealousy?”

Small changes in pet behaviour can reflect serious underlying issues

REGULAR HEALTH EXAMINATIONS ARE KEY TO A HEALTHY AND HAPPY PET.

Make sure your pet visits us at least once a year for a full health assessment.



STAFF NEWS

We have seen some big changes in our practice last month. Pip Davey our practice manager, who has been part of Castle Vets for 16 years, retired in February. Pip plans to spend time with her husband and dogs and enjoying their hobbies in sunny Spain. With the weather as it has been lately it certainly seems like they have the right idea! However, this means it has left a huge hole to fill within our practice team.

Vanessa Dennis, who has been Pip's assistant for the last 2 years, has taken on the role of General Manager and will oversee the day-to-day running of the practice. Tammy Inkpen our Finance Manager will continue to oversee the accounts along with health and safety management. We also welcome Steve Cox to the practice as HR and Business manager. Steve comes from a business background and is settling in well and finding his feet within Castle Veterinary Group.

Paolo Brambilla has just joined us, initially as a full-time TB Tester. Paulo is a vet from Italy and once he has settled into Castle Vets he will start to do some more farm veterinary work.

BOOK SALE

We have to say a huge thank you to everyone who purchased books throughout January and February to raise funds for OVAID—Orangutan Veterinary Aid. We raised a record total of £150! Nigel and Sara Hicks are very grateful for this money to help their work at the Sepilok rehabilitation centre.

We are continuing with our book sale and the money raised over the next two months will be given to Marie Curie Launceston fundraising group to help care for those with a terminal illness in their own homes in the local area.

FUN CORNER

True or False?

- Dogs can only see in black & white...
- Cats only purr when they are happy...
- You can't teach an old dog new tricks...
- Two or more guinea pigs can't live together...
- Cats can see in complete darkness...
- Dog and cats are left or right handed...
- Rabbits have near to 360 degree vision...
- Dogs only eat grass when they are sick...
- Rats are dirty animals....
- Dogs can fall in love...
- Answers next month!



Answers to last months quiz: Top 10 romantic destinations according to Trip Advisor are below (so if you are looking for holiday ideas this year, maybe you'll like the look of one of these!)

1. Paris (France), 2. Puerto Vallarta (Mexico), 3. Venice (Italy), 4. Honolulu (USA), 5. Aruba (Caribbean)
6. Sharm el Sheikh (Egypt), 7. New Orleans (USA), 8. Carmel (USA), 9. Las Vegas (USA), 10. Playa del Carmen (Mexico).