



CASTLE VETERINARY GROUP LTD

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Monday – Friday 8.30am – 6.30pm; Saturday 8.30am – 3.00pm; Sunday closed.
24hr emergency in-house veterinary cover. Consultations by appointment only.



MAY 2017 NEWSLETTER



Do you qualify for PDSA Veterinary Services?

Eligible pet owners living within the catchment area of a PDSA Pet Hospital, PDSA Pet Clinic or PDSA Pet Practice may register their pets at that facility. Here at Castle Veterinary Group Ltd we are a registered PDSA PetAid Practice.

Below are the criteria you must meet in order to apply :

- You are in receipt of housing or council tax benefit.
- You live in the postcode areas of PL15, PL16, PL32, PL33, PL34 or PL35.
- You may register only one pet described as a companion animal such as dogs, cats and 'small furrles'.
- You must be pre-registered so don't wait until your pet is sick or injured.
- You will need to bring the pet you wish to register in for a free health check before applying. Please note that any pre-existing conditions are not covered and you would need to continue to pay for these.
- Pets will be covered for injury or illness. It does not cover preventative healthcare or neutering, home visits or any treatment not deemed necessary by the vet.
- The registration requires annual or bi-annual re-registration, determined by your circumstances and the PDSA.
- You must complete an application form from the vet, provide proof of benefit and a £7.50 postal order.
- You would also be expected to make a voluntary contribution for treatment provided (as much as you can afford to help the charity)
- For more information please go to the PDSA website: www.pdsa.org.uk/vet-services or speak with one of our small animal reception team.

General information about the PDSA:

Founded in 1917 by animal welfare pioneer, Maria Dickin CBE, PDSA is the UK's leading veterinary charity. Operating through a UK-wide network of 51 Pet Hospitals and 380 Pet Practices (contracted private practices), PDSA provides free veterinary care to the sick and injured pets of people in need and promotes responsible pet ownership.

Book Sale:

During April, PDSA challenged veterinary practices to raise "a £ a day". We dedicated our book sale to them and are pleased to have raised a total of £54 which has exceeded this amount to help pets in need.

Our book sale in May & June will be for Alzheimer's Society.

Money, Money, Money

Old Style £5 notes are no longer legal tender and we will no longer accept them at Castle Veterinary Group. May we also take this opportunity to remind you that all small animal treatment is expected to be paid for at the time of treatment. If you have any concerns about the potential cost of your pet's care, please speak to us beforehand so we can discuss the options that are available to you, rather than waiting until after treatment.



Celebrate Veterinary Nursing Awareness Month with us!

Here is a press release from the British Veterinary Nursing Association as May is Veterinary Nurse Awareness Month: Outside of the consulting room, most of the attention and medical care your pet receives is at the hands of a veterinary nurse. It is this we celebrate each May, as Veterinary Nursing Awareness Month (VNAM) gives us an opportunity to talk about our role in caring for your pets. In any given day a veterinary nurse may find themselves taking x-rays, medicating patients, doing consults, maintaining equipment, monitoring anaesthetics, dressing wounds, answering phones, and the list goes on!

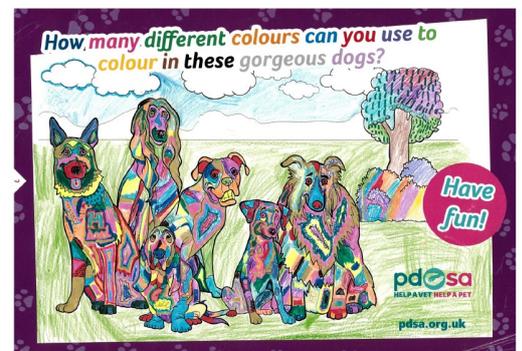
The title “Veterinary Nurse” is not yet protected in law (meaning anyone can use it), but it is advised by the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons that it should be taken to mean only Registered Veterinary Nurses (RVNs). RVNs have undertaken a rigorous training programme, sat examinations, and are subject to a Code of Conduct, which includes a disciplinary process if a grievance should arise. We continue to study, and log professional development hours to maintain our Registration throughout our careers. Some RVNs undertake specialist training in a range of topics, especially the care of exotic pets, feline medicine, anaesthesia and dentistry. There are several different routes to becoming a veterinary nurse, and BVNA can provide you advice on the career and studying, if you are interested in pursuing this career.

The British Veterinary Nursing Association (BVNA) represents RVNs and promotes responsible pet care to the general public through Veterinary Nursing Awareness Month (VNAM). During VNAM you may see a display in your local practice, or an event in your town or village. Some practices even run special clinics. This is a chance for us to interact with our clients and the public, so don't be shy. Ask about what your RVNs do, and their special interests. You may find they can help you with a pet problem you have been having. Also, RVNs usually have pets themselves, and love to talk about them just as you do!

Did you know we have 8 RVN's at Castle Veterinary Group headed up by Loren Jackson, plus 2 nurses currently training with us? Call us now on 01566 772211 to make an appointment or more information on our free nurse clinics.

April Colouring Competition

Congratulations to Oliver Jenkin, aged 8 years old, who was the overall winner of our childrens colouring competition. He did an excellent job colouring it neatly and we don't think he could have made it any more colourful! Oliver won a large set of colouring pencils and books so he can continue with his artistic flair!



Fun Corner—Moggy Mythology!

Here are a few mythological stories from around the world.

UK: In 16th century England it was considered good luck for a visitor to kiss the family cat.

Abyssinia: Girls who had a cat in the home were considered wealthy and so found themselves much sought after by suitors.

Holland: An amusing tale from this part of the world concerned making sure your cat was out of the way if you were having a private conversation. The story goes that if secrets were told in front of the cat, the cat would spread the secret throughout the town!

Norway: The breed known as the Norwegian Forest Cat was often called The Fairy Cat due to the belief that if you looked deep into it's eyes, you would see visions of the fairy world.

China: One delightful story, passed down over the generations in China, is the idea that cats were once put in charge of the world and had the power of speech. But, they found it all too tiring and just wanted to laze about so they handed the power to humans. The story goes that this is why they can no longer speak and why they give us funny looks as we rush around, while they lie back and do nothing!