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

SEPTEMBER 2016 NEWSLETTER

Bravecto Flea and Tick 12-weekly Spot-On for Cats now in stock!

Bravecto is a spot-on treatment that protects your cat against fleas and ticks for up to 12 weeks, rather than the typical 4 weeks, giving your cat extended protection and reducing the potential stress of more frequent application.

Bravecto is the only spot-on treatment for cats that delivers 12 weeks flea and tick protection in a single dose, reducing the opportunity for missed doses that might occur with flea and tick treatments that require more frequent dosing.

Bravecto has potent activity against fleas and ticks and they become exposed to it when they feed on a treated animal. It can be used as part of the treatment strategy for the control of FAD, a common and unpleasant skin condition caused by an allergy to flea saliva.

Bravecto kills fleas within 12 hours for the full 12 weeks, quickly eliminating fleas on your cat so that the flea lifecycle in your home is broken. By preventing further production of flea eggs, Bravecto also helps control the environmental flea populations in the areas to which your treated cat has access. All other cats and dogs in the household should be appropriately treated against fleas and ticks.

Bravecto kills ticks within 48 hours on cats for the full 12 weeks duration.

Bravecto can be given to kittens from 11 weeks old and weighing more than 1.2kg. It should not be used on pregnant or lactating cats as it has not been tested for this use.

Bravecto is sold based on the weight of your cat, so if your cat not has been seen recently we would require you to bring your cat in for a free “flea & tick check” and to be weighed to be sure we are dosing correctly.



BRAVECTO
Flea and tick protection like never before.

SPECIAL OFFER: BRAVECTO FLEA & TICK PREVENTION FOR CATS SEPTEMBER

2016 — buy 3 get 4th one free!

To celebrate the launch of Bravecto spot-on for cats we have a special introductory offer. One spot-on pipette provides 12 weeks flea and tick prevention, so with our buy 3 pipettes and get the 4th one free offer, you will be able to get 12 months cover for the price of just 9 months, giving you an excellent opportunity to provide your cat with year-round cover. You can choose to purchase them quarterly or all 4 in one go.

NB: Offer applies to Bravecto for cats, when first purchased in September only.

Treating Wildlife

We see lots of wildlife here. We commonly see hedgehogs and small birds which have been injured and found in gardens. A vet will check them over and if they are not too badly injured we will make sure they are strong and feeding well before releasing them back into their natural habitat. If they need further recuperation they will be passed on to a specialist wildlife centre. If, sadly, they are too badly injured to make a full recovery the vet will put them to sleep as the kindest option. Here are a few of the more unusual cases that we have seen recently:

A lovely hedgehog was brought in with a badly damaged leg. We amputated the leg and he has made a remarkable recovery, being nursed in a local wildlife rescue centre. It's amazing how he has adapted to life on three legs.

A little while ago a racing pigeon was brought in here after landing at the local butchers! Each racing pigeon wears a leg tag so it can be identified. We found that this pigeon was flying back to Belgium but as we were unable to trace his owner directly, he stayed here for a week to rest and feed. Our receptionist Vanessa was driving to Newbury and took the pigeon with her and released him, giving him a bit of a head start on his journey. Let's hope he made it home safely!

We had a baby sparrow brought in after it was found sitting in a client's garden unable to fly. The little bird was so friendly that all he wanted to do was sit on our hands and chirp at us to be fed! As he was so tame it is unlikely he will survive in the wild so he will be cared for in an aviary.

We had a tiny bat brought in after getting stuck to a fly paper. We were advised by a bat specialist that we needed to remove the sticky stuff using margarine and then washing the bat in baby shampoo. Our kennel-hand Kerensa was sent on the task of sourcing some margarine and our local butcher was kind enough to provide us a tiny amount to cover the bat (I bet that's not something they get asked for every day) and our nurse Sue got to work with her unusual beauty treatments!

Staff Changes

We welcome two new vets who joined us in August. Natalie Maletz has joined us as a mixed practice vet after graduating from the Royal Vet College in London earlier this year. Another new face is Joana Silva who joined our farm veterinary team in August. Joana has been working as a farm vet in Portugal since graduating in 2013. They have already fitted in like they've been here for ages! We will also be welcoming Bekky Hobbs as a farm vet in September.

On the nursing side we also have had a few changes in August. Rachael Woodley has joined us part-time. Grace Buckley-Thomas qualified and left to work in her home area. Grace will be a fabulous addition to her local veterinary practice. Loren Jackson has now become our head nurse as our former head nurse returns from maternity leave on part-time hours.

Fun Corner

We will have lots of competitions and quizzes for you at our open day on Saturday 17th September 3pm-6pm. If we hold your email address you will have received an invite, otherwise please go to our website/Facebook page.

Answers to last month's bee quiz: 1. Do bees sleep? **No, but bees can be found resting in empty cells.** 2. What is pollen a good source of? **Protein.** 3. How many times do bees wings beat per second? **About 180 beats.** 4. Number of bees in an average hive? **30,000-60,000.** 5. How far can a bee fly? **About 8.5 miles.** 6. What do bees make honey from? **Nectar.** 7. Why are honey bees reluctant to sting you? **Loss of it's stinger causes a bee to die.** 8. What is the scientific name for bees? **Anthophila.**