



CASTLE VETS PETS

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Congratulations Jess!



We hope that you will all join us in congratulating Jess on passing her final exams to become a qualified registered veterinary nurse.

Jess joined Castle Vets back in 2016 working as a kennel assistant and it was during this time that she was inspired to pursue a career in veterinary nursing. Jess completed her GCSEs and achieved the required grades to allow her to begin her training. At least five GCSE passes at Grade C or above including English, maths and science are the entry requirements for a veterinary nursing apprenticeship. We asked Jess if she had any advice for anyone who is thinking

about becoming a veterinary nurse and she said “*veterinary nursing is not easy and it’s not all puppy cuddles! It is really important to have the relevant experience within a veterinary setting before committing to the nursing course*”.

Jess began her training in 2021 (level 3 diploma in veterinary nursing). This consisted of a practical portfolio log which was completed in practice and written, oral and final OSCEs (practical exams). The course involves a large degree of commitment and dedication which Jess proved to have throughout her training. She worked on the rota alongside her studying whilst also dedicating a lot of her own time towards her course.

Well done Jess, this is so deserved. You have worked very hard over the past few years, and we are all very proud of you.

A big thank you goes to Rachael Woodley (Jess’s clinical coach) and the nursing/vet team for all the support shown to Jess during her training and beyond.

Hedgehog Awareness Week, 5th – 11th May 2024

Hedgehog awareness week is organised by the British Hedgehog Preservation Society and their aim is to raise awareness of the problems hedgehogs face and how we can all help them. To find out more about this UK registered charity please visit: <https://www.britishhedgehogs.org.uk/hedgehog-awareness-week-5th-11th-may-2024/> . This year they are asking people to ‘Welcome Wildlife!’ by creating a space for wildlife in your own gardens. Here are some of the ways that have been suggested by the British Hedgehog Preservation Society to make your garden more welcoming to hedgehogs.

- A 13cm x 13cm square gap in the bottom of boundary walls and fences can create a hedgehog highway which allows vital access to more habitat. Any hedgehog highways that you create can then be logged at: www.bighedgehogmap.org .
- You can offer shelter and attract food for hedgehogs by creating wild corners and edges, log piles and leaf piles.

- Provide clean drinking water in several shallow bowls around the garden. This is really important during hot spells as water can be hard to come by for all wildlife, not just hedgehogs. Putting a few pebbles in the bowls will provide a safe drinking spot for bees and butterflies too.
- Although ponds and pools are great for wildlife it is important to make sure that there are escape routes. Sloping edges, ramps or half-submerged rocks will provide a safe exit for hedgehogs.
- Do not use any poisons or pesticides that could directly harm wildlife and destroy the food chain.
- Hedgehog spines can get tangled up in netting. Make sure that garden netting is raised 30cm off the ground to allow hedgehogs to pass safely under.
- Always make sure to check for wildlife before strimming, mowing or lighting a bonfire.



Discounted Microchip Offer for Cats

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As of the 10th June 2024 it will be a legal requirement to have your cat microchipped. In light of this, for two weeks in May we are giving 20% off ALL cat microchipping. The discounted price is £17.76 and the offer will run from Monday 13th May – Friday 17th May 2024 & Monday 20th May – Friday 24th May 2024 only (no Saturday appointments). Please call us to book your appointment.



Please remember that as of the 10th June it will be a legal requirement to have your cat microchipped. Owners found not to have microchipped their cat will have 21 days to have one implanted or may face a fine of up to £500. With this deadline looming we wanted to remind you of our discounted microchip offer

which we will be holding for two weeks only. There are still appointments available, so snap one up before they are gone and take advantage of this great discount. Please call one of our practices to arrange an appointment:

Liskeard - 01579 208072

Launceston – 01566 772211

Join The Cinnamon Trust for The Big Walk

If you are stuck for something to do this bank holiday (Monday 6th May) why not put on your walking boots and join The Cinnamon Trust at Roadford Lake for their Big Walk. Support shown by the general public at events such as The Big Walk really help The Cinnamon Trust to grow in the public eye, increase inquiries and also helps to gain volunteers. If you don't know about The Cinnamon Trust already, please visit their website <https://cinnamon.org.uk> to find out more about this wonderful charity for older people, the terminally ill and their pets.

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The National Charity for older people,
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THE BIG WALK!

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MAY 6 2024
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