



VETERINARY PRACTICE

Newsletter

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New Treatment for Ticks & Fleas

Bayer have brought out a new spot on treatment, **ADVANTIX**, which will not only kill fleas but also repel ticks and mosquitos.

We have been using it since April and so far it does seem to be highly effective.

It is only for use in dogs though, so cats that tend to pick up ticks will need to stay on *FRONTLINE*.

Pet Passports

The rules governing travelling pets within EU and accepted countries have changed. Instead of various bits of paper pets can now have their own passport.

They still need to be microchipped, vaccinated against rabies, and blood tested after 30 days. But the details all go onto the passport. This means that in most circumstances they then don't need an export certificate to go abroad, and can come back into the UK after 6 months have elapsed from the blood test. The tick and tapeworm treatment, which needs to be done 24-48 hours before re-entry, and rabies boosters, will all go on to the passport. For more information ask for a copy of our *Taking your Pet Abroad* leaflet. For information pertaining to a particular country ring DEFRA- 0845 6030 807

Emergency Treatment Discounts for Vaccinated Pets

We are delighted to be able to announce that the practice has been approved by the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons (our Privy Council Appointed Regulators) as a "Tier 2" practice. This means that our facilities and staff have been inspected and approved as amongst the top 10% in the country.

We also provide our own 24/7 out of hours emergency service (unlike some practices, which expect you to drive to Southampton or Poole after 5pm or at weekends).

Unfortunately this service costs over £120 a call-out, (depending on the time of night and whether a visit is necessary) to provide, which is a lot of money!

We have therefore decided to discount this service to regular clients by about £30 a call-out.

Emergency Treatment Discount Cards valid for 12 months will be issued when pets have their annual vaccinations.

Pet Health Care Plan

We are delighted that we are able to offer you the chance to join our new monthly Practice Plan. This means that you can spread the cost of your pet's routine veterinary treatment over twelve months by monthly direct debit, as well as getting **Free Nurses Appointments, 10% discount** on routine treatments, food and drugs and approx. **£30 discount on Emergency Treatment**.

Regular visits mean that we can monitor the general health of your pet and offer advice and support which, in many cases, may prevent problems in the future. We would rather see your pets when they are fit and well and help you to keep them that way, than wait until they have a problem, which is distressing for all involved.

Please see separate leaflet for further details and prices.

Dog Booster Vaccinations

Intervet, the drug company whose vaccines we use, have investigated in detail how often vaccines need to be boosted. They are now confident that protection against Distemper, Hepatitis and Parvovirus will last for 3 years after the initial vaccination course (the puppy vaccinations and then the first annual booster). Parainfluenza and Leptospirosis protection only lasts a year in most dogs, so an annual vaccination against these diseases is recommended. As leptospirosis (Weil's disease in humans) is spread by rat urine especially in water courses, all of the dogs that walk on the forest, clifftops, farmland, or park land should be boosted each year. Therefore we recommend an annual check up and booster vaccination - but only give the minimum recommended vaccines required that year. If you have any concerns regarding vaccination please feel free to discuss them with us.



We were delighted to welcome Lucy Thacker, who joined the practice in November 2004 as a veterinary surgeon.

As a schoolgirl Lucy did work experience with us before training at Bristol University. Lucy qualified in 1999 and worked in Tewkesbury and then Worcester before traveling to New Zealand. Lucy has returned to her roots and is enjoying being back in the Forest.

She is currently working at our Lymington Surgery on Wednesdays, and at New Milton during the rest of the week.

COMPLEMENTARY THERAPIES

As we realise that not all health problems are best treated by conventional medicines, a number of our staff, including the senior nurses, have been trained in the correct and appropriate use of herbal medicines and acupuncture, and we now stock an extensive selection of herbal medicines and nutritional supplements.

If you would like to discuss your pet's health and whether there are any alternative therapies that either might prevent problems or help treat them, please make an appointment to see one of our nurses.

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