

Dear Client,

Spring tends to be Moorgate's busiest time of the year here. Our vets will be kept busy helping out our farm clients with lambings, calvings and a few kiddings and unpackings! We hope you enjoy reading this edition of our companion animal newsletter.

SUMMER HOLIDAYS

With Christmas as a distant memory some of you may already be planning your Summer Holiday. For those travelling abroad, have you considered taking your pet with you?

Many UK pet owners now take advantage of the Pet Travel Scheme (PETS) which allows pet dogs, cats and ferrets that have travelled to other countries (all of Europe and some other countries) to re-enter the UK without requiring quarantine.

The Pet Travel Scheme is the control measure to prevent rabies and tapeworm from entering the country via the importation of pets.

A PET passport can be issued to Dogs, Cats and Ferrets entering the UK from the EU and non-EU listed countries under the Pet Travel Scheme.

There are several stages to follow in order for your pet to be issued with a PET passport. For further information and prices please ask at reception.

Remember when travelling abroad that your pet may be exposed to diseases which we do not have in the UK. Please always consult with one of our vets prior to travelling so that a bespoke preventative treatment plan can be made for your pet to protect them whilst abroad.



WORMING OFFER

BUY 1 YEARS SUPPLY OF WORMING TABLETS FOR
YOUR CAT OR DOG AND RECEIVE A
25% DISCOUNT

DOG ATTACKS ON SHEEP

Sadly here at Moorgate we see many sheep either injured or killed following attacks by uncontrolled dogs.

Last year there were over 150 crimes recorded across Devon and Cornwall linked to livestock worrying offences. The number of these incidents usually increases during the lambing season. Worryingly many farmers choose not to report livestock worrying as they feel little action is currently carried out by the police, so numbers are probably far higher.

We urge all dog owners to respect the countryside and those who farm it. Keep to footpaths and keep your dog on a lead whilst near livestock.

If your dog attacks livestock, you as the owner could be responsible for this crime and remember a farmer has the right to protect their livestock.

EASTER - KEEP YOUR CHOCOLATE OUT OF REACH

Please remind everyone in your family of the danger of chocolate and ask them to take extra precautions to keep Easter chocolate out of your dog's reach. Don't allow small children to have chocolate when the dog is nearby. Remind guests not to share Easter goodies with your friendly pet.

PET CARE PLANS

Our Pet Care Plans allow you to spread the cost of your pet's preventative health care needs throughout the year with easy monthly direct debit payments, at a date that suits you.

Our Pet Care Plans works perfectly with Pet Insurance – allowing all your pets care to be covered by monthly payments.

An additional 5% discount off your first year's premiums with Vetsure Pet Insurance is available for all pets that are joined on our Pet Care Plans.

Ask at reception for more details

ROADWORKS IN BOVEY TRACEY

Throughout March to July access to our Bovey Tracey surgery will be affected by essential utility alterations along Station Road by the Devon Guild of Craftsman and the Station Road Car Park.

We do hope that these essential works do not delay our clients journey to us, but if you are travelling to the Bovey Tracey surgery from the Teign Valley/Chudleigh Knighton direction we recommend you head to Bovey Tracey via Drumbridges as delays along Station Road, Fore Street and Le Molay Littry Way are expected.

MYXOMATOSIS

Myxomatosis is a severe viral disease of rabbits that decimated the wild rabbit population when it arrived in Britain over 50 years ago. Domestic rabbits are also susceptible to the disease and deaths in pets are reported every year.

Myxomatosis poses a threat to all pet rabbits. Pet rabbits at greatest risk are those living outside, especially if they may have any contact with wild rabbits or hares. Myxomatosis is usually spread by biting insects (fleas, mosquitoes) carrying the Myxoma virus. However, direct rabbit-to-rabbit spread can occur. It is a dreadful disease that causes immense suffering. Affected rabbits can take a fortnight to die and treatment is usually futile, which is why euthanasia is usually recommended.

The myxomatosis vaccine in Britain (Nobivac Myxo-RHD) is currently experiencing a stock shortage due to an unexpected production delay. Sadly it is likely that the vaccine will be unavailable until July 2017. Unfortunately there are no licensed alternative products available.

We buy our vaccines from the sole manufacturer, MSD Animal Health. MSD Animal Health is doing everything it can to produce additional vaccine as quickly as possible and in the meantime an alternative supply will be made available in multiple dose vials which will need to be used in a number of rabbits (up to 50) within a few hours.

Please let us know if you wish to have your rabbit vaccinated. We will then contact you to bring your rabbit back into the practice at a special rabbit vaccination clinic which will be arranged as soon as we have been supplied the multiple dose vial.

Vaccination against myxomatosis and Rabbit Haemorrhagic Disease is important but the risks of infection can also be reduced by ensuring the following:

- Good segregation between pet rabbits and wild rabbits to avoid direct and indirect contact
- Careful attention to flea control by treating all rabbits regularly with a licensed product safe for use in rabbits (please speak to us for advice)
- Attention to hutch hygiene and the use of netting and appropriate fly control products outside hutch and run areas to prevent fly access as far as possible
- Regular observation and handling of pet rabbits to check health and hygiene so that the practice can be quickly contacted in case of concern.



Please be sure to notify the practice if you have any concerns regarding your rabbit's health.

NEW ARRIVAL

A late congratulations to our Veterinary Care Assistant Becky Harvey and her husband on the safe arrival of the beautiful Mazikeen (Mazie). Mazie was born by caesarean on 2nd December 2016 weighing 6lb 13oz. Mum and baby are doing really well and we have enjoyed cuddles when Mazie comes in to visit us.



Practice Facilities

Appointment System
Parking
24 Hour Emergency Service
Modern Surgical Facilities
Nurse Clinics
In-House Laboratory
Digital X Ray Machine
Endoscopy
Pet Care Plans

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