

LUNGWORM



The lungworm *Angiostrongylus vasorum* is a potentially lethal parasite that can infect dogs, and is spreading across the UK. Dogs catch lungworm through eating slugs and snails which carry the larvae of the parasite. While most dogs do not habitually eat slugs and snails, they may do so by accident e.g. when a slug or snail is sitting on a bone or a favourite toy, or when drinking from a puddle or outdoor water bowl.

Some dogs take great pleasure in eating these miniature 'treats', and should be considered at risk from infection.

Foxes can also become infected, and the increase in urban fox populations might be a reason for the spread of the parasite across the country.

There are many signs to be aware of, although an infected dog may appear totally healthy. Coughing, reluctance to exercise, depression, weight loss, fits, vomiting, diarrhoea and persistent bleeding from even minor cuts are all possible signs. Dogs under the age of two appear to be more susceptible than older dogs, though dogs of all ages and breeds can be affected.

- Avoid the use of outdoor drinking water and food bowls which often attract slugs or snails – there is evidence that slime trails can infect a dog if they are eaten
- Don't leave your dog's toys, chews or bones in the garden as they can attract snails
- Ask your vet for a parasite control programme that takes into account the risk of dogs becoming infected

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.

'BEST FRIENDS' PHOTOGRAPH COMPETITION

You will be glad to know that we are running our photograph competition once again. The theme this year is **BEST FRIENDS**.

To be in with a chance of winning a canvas print of your chosen photo simply email your entry to moorgatevets@btconnect.com and later in the year our clients will have a chance to vote for their favorite photo.

The competition is free to enter with a maximum of one entry per person. Entries will be accepted until 12th June 2015. We will display the 10 best photos in our Bovey Tracey waiting room for clients to vote for their favorites. We will also put as many entries as possible up on our facebook page for everyone to enjoy.

LAST YEAR'S WINNER



PET CARE PLANS

Our Pet Care Plan covers your pet for all its basic health care needs, including preventative treatments and expert advice, giving you complete peace of mind.

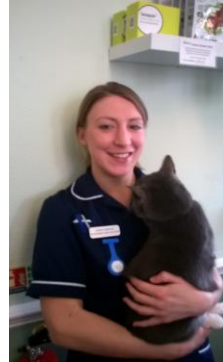
It allows you to spread the cost of caring for your pet throughout the year with easy direct debit payments.

Ask at reception for more details

NEW VETERINARY CARE ASSISTANT

Emma Hensley left us in November 2014 to go on maternity leave and has since given birth to a baby boy called Daniel.

We are very pleased to welcome Yazmin Tunbridge who joined us in December 2014 as a Veterinary Care Assistant and she has settled very well into the practice and her training. Previously Yazmin worked at the Mare & Foal sanctuary and has travelled to South Africa and Fuerteventura where she worked with equines. She has a keen interest in horses and enjoys walking and reading.



INSURANCE CLAIM FORMS

Pet Insurance gives you the peace of mind that you will be able to give the very best treatment to your pet. For clients with Pet Insurance we are happy to make a claim on your behalf at no additional fee. Please submit a claim form to the surgery and ensure the owner section is completed in full. It is useful if you could also supply us with a stamped addressed envelope for us to forward the claim form to your insurance company.

PRACTICE PROFILE



Buster is an English Pointer who belongs to our Office Administrator Annette Barnes. Buster is nearly 12 years old and is finally slowing down after being very active and full of energy all his life. He has a few odd habits which he has developed in his old age and definitely likes his routine and familiar surroundings now he is older.

Pointers are even-tempered, congenial dogs, and despite their large size, make good house pets so long as they get sufficient exercise due to their extremely high energy levels. Pointers are intelligent, affectionate, clean and intensely loyal. Pointers are habitual "couch potatoes" who enjoy relaxing on the family's chairs or sofas. This is a natural part of their desire to feel part of the pack.

The pointer was originally bred to find upland game but they also work game birds such as the pheasant, grouse, and woodcock with success.

SPRING BABY

Our Practice Manger Lottie Bowden has left for a short time on maternity leave. In her absence Annette Barnes and Rosie Jones – who has come to us from The Vale Veterinary Practice will be in the office taking care of all the administration. May we wish Lottie all the best and we look forward to meeting the new arrival very soon.



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