

Dear Client,

With the summer months here our vets are beginning to see a lull in large animal emergencies for now. We have had a busy spring with a wide variety of work load. Our vets have carried out an abundance of lambing's and calving's. Mr Arnold has spent, what equates to a just over a week, castrating Dartmoor Hill Ponies in to order to preserve a breed that is an essential part of the ecology of Dartmoor. Our facebook "likers" will have seen the story of our tawny owl, who was brought into the surgery by a member of the public after falling from his nest. A local bird man is caring for him and he has come on in leaps and bounds. His full story and pictures can be found on our facebook page.

We would also like to Congratulate our Animal Nursing Assistant Debbie Seward and her new husband Peter. Debbie and Peter married on Saturday 24th May at Diptford parish church and celebrated with family and friends at Debbie's home farm.



CATS PROTECTION FREE NEUTERING CAMPAIGN AND REDUCE PRICE MICROCHIPS

Neutering has many health benefits and helps to reduce the number of strays in the UK. To encourage cat owners to neuter their cats, the Cats Protection Teignbridge and Totnes branch are offering free neutering between **May and July**.



To take advantage of this campaign please contact Marion on 08453 712728 for a log number to pass on to us when you book your cat in for neutering. Please consider a £10 donation to Cats Protection Teignbridge and Totnes to help them continue rehoming cats in our area.

For cats neutered through this campaign we are offering microchipping for the reduced price of £10 (normally £12.50).

SUMMER RABBIT CARE

Don't forget to treat your rabbit against fly strike this summer and remember to check him/her every day for signs of fly eggs or maggots.

KEEPING YOUR CHICKENS CHIPPER

We now stock a range of great products to help keep your chickens healthy. **Our product of the season is our Chicken Vet Anti Peck spray.**

Chicken Vet Anti Peck is a foul tasting spray that has been carefully formulated to modify the behaviour of aggressive poultry. Spray on the affected area of the victim and you will find the formulation is so unpalatable that within a few days the aggressor stops harassing the victim.



Treatment: Spray to the affected area every day for 7 days

Price: £6.97

Moulting, pecking and feather damage can occur for many reasons. Several possible causes are:

- Moulting which is a natural process and happens to each bird annually whereby it replaces its entire compliment of feather over a few weeks. In a moult you will see new feathers beginning to appear.
- Stress such as extreme heat, water deprivation and illness can induce moulting.
- Pecking by other birds usually around the vent or on the back is usually caused either by stress, boredom or protein deficiency.
- Cockerels can damage feathers on a hens back during mating.
- Mite or lice infestations

Treatment depends on the cause. Various products are available as treatments, including Chicken Vet Anti Peck, Chicken Vet Amino+ to provide the bird with additional protein and Oregano+ to calm the birds down. Why not have a chat with one of our vets if you are worried about your chickens.



Moorgate Veterinary Group is an associated practice with the Chicken Vet

KATHYS CLINIC



Hi I'm Kathy and I am your RVN (Registered Veterinary Nurse). I started in practice in 1989 and qualified in 2002 with an HND in Veterinary Nursing and management alongside the RCVS VN qualification. I am very happy to have joined Moorgate in April 2013.

The nurse clinics are a great way to have the basic care and wellbeing of your pet checked. Recently I had an elderly cat come in to my clinic for a claw clip. I always give them a general check over and I noticed he had lost some weight since he was last seen and his heart rate was quite fast. After referral with a vet I took a blood sample. The sample showed that the cat was Hyperthyroid, by diagnosing early the cat can receive the treatment it needs to have a longer and healthier life. This condition is quite common in older cats as is kidney disease. The symptoms are often over looked as you may think that the cat is just getting older.

Cats are classed as senior at 7 – 10 years of age and geriatric from 11 years. It is advised that a blood screen is performed each year during the senior years and every 6 months once they reach geriatric. Dogs are classed as senior at 8 – 10 years of age and geriatric from 10+ years depending on the breed. These basic health checks and blood samples can be performed at my **nurse clinics on a Friday between 12 noon and 4pm** by appointment, as can life stage advice which includes dietary requirements, exercise and health care.



WE ARE ONLINE!

Some of you may already have visited our NEW WEBSITE. We hope clients take advantage of all the great features our website has to offer.

Clients can now request their pets repeat prescriptions online, so requests can now be made 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Remember prescription diets can also be ordered using this feature.

We also have a large selection of pet factsheets. These factsheets give brilliant advice for day-to-day pet health care as well as advice and information on various pet health conditions.



ADDER BITES

The adder (*Viperis berus*) is the only native venomous snake present within the UK. Depending on geographical location, adder bites are not uncommon in dogs, especially in the warmer summer weather. Most bites occur on the limbs or muzzle. The incident is rarely witnessed by the owner as adders are very shy. The bites are rarely fatal. Reconciliation

Clinical Signs....

Rapid swelling of bitten area Depression Shock may occur
Fang marks may be present but often difficult to identify

What do you do?....

If you think your animal has been bitten by an adder contact the surgery as soon as possible. The surgery will give you relevant instructions. In the meantime, stay calm, your pet will become more distressed if it senses that you are worried.

We are one of the only vets in the area that stock anti-venom. UPDATE: 23/06/14
DUE TO STOCK ISSUES AT PRESENT WE ARE UNABLE TO SOURCE ANTI-VENOM

Practice Facilities

Appointment System
Parking
24 Hour Emergency Service
Modern Surgical Facilities
Nurse Clinics
In-House Laboratory
Digital X Ray Machine
Discount Scheme

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CHRISTOW SURGERY

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