

Dear Client

The summer is here at last and our vets have been busy as usual with the lambing and calving season which has just about come to an end.

We also have had a Tawny Owl and Peregrine Falcon brought into the surgery recently which we passed onto Steve Hopper the expert bird man who has been updating their progress on our Facebook page.

You will all be glad to know that we have been running our photo competition again this year – the theme this time being 'Best Friends'. The closing date was 12<sup>th</sup> June. We have once again had a huge response – the shortlisted photos will now be on display in our waiting rooms at both our Bovey Tracey and Moretonhampstead branches.

Our new computer system is now up and running – thank you to all of our clients for your patience during the transition period. We also now have **wifi** in our Bovey Tracey waiting room for clients to use during busy waiting periods. Please ask reception for log in details.

We would also like to congratulate our principal vet Ulli Arnold on recently being elected Mayor of Bovey Tracey. You may see him around and about wearing his chain of office and opening various events during the summer. This will not affect his usual consulting times at any of our branches.



## **CATS PROTECTION FREE NEUTERING FOR YOUR FARM CATS AND KITTENS**

For the months of **June** and **July** Teignbridge and Totnes Cats Protection are again this year offering free neutering for your **farm kittens** and **cats**. Neutering has many health benefits and helps to reduce the number of strays and unwanted kittens in the UK. Contact Marion on 03453712728 for more details and for a log number to pass on to us when you book your cat in for neutering at the surgery.

Please consider a £10 donation to Cats Protection Teignbridge and Totnes to help them continue with their work with re homing cats in our area.

## **KEEP YOUR DOG NICE AND COOL THIS SUMMER**

**There are many precautions that can be taken to keep your dog safe and well on a hot day**

- Don't excessively exercise your dog
- Avoid walking your dog at the hottest time of the day
- Always take plenty of water with you when you go out with your dog
- Make sure your dog has shade to cool off in when both inside and out
- Take your dog to the groomers to keep their fur clipped
- Dogs can get sunburnt – especially white dogs or those with little hair – keep them out of direct sun
- Think twice about any car trips with your dogs or avoid busy times of the day when they could overheat in the car or plan your trip at cooler times of the day and take breaks.

**DON'T leave your dog in a car as temperatures rise – dogs overheat quickly, leaving them for as little as 20 minutes can prove fatal**



## BIG TICK PROJECT

We are taking part in The Big Tick Project being run by the University of Bristol in collaboration with MSD Animal Health-who make one of our best selling tick products. It gives veterinary practices the chance to play their part in advancing the understanding of tick-bourne diseases in the UK. This is a national campaign which was launched in April 2015 and supported by TV's Chris Packham which aims to highlight the problem amongst dog owners.

Practices taking part in the study receive a tick collection kit which enables ticks to be collected and sent to the University of Bristol quickly and easily. This enables Vets and human health professionals to make more effective recommendations and help prevent tick related disease.

There is evidence that ticks are feeding earlier in the year and longer – increasing their potential to pass on disease to both animals and humans. Lyme disease in particular can be a serious health issue for both animals and humans.



If you notice **ticks** on your **dog** and you would like to take part please bring them in to us so we can remove them. We will then fill out a form indicating when and where these ticks were found. The collected ticks will be frozen and sent off to be examined.

## 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.



## 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.

## Practice Facilities

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

### BOVEY TRACEY SURGERY

Mill House, Station Road,  
Bovey Tracey, Newton  
Abbot, TQ13 9AL  
TELEPHONE ; 01626  
833023

### MORETONHAMPSTEAD SURGERY

31 Court Street,  
Moretonhampstead,  
Newton Abbot, TQ13 8LG  
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### CHRISTOW SURGERY

Old Mines Road, Christow,  
Exeter, EX6 7NS  
For appointments/repeat  
prescriptions etc.  
telephone; 01626 833023

### FOR OUT OF HOUR EMERGENCIES PLEASE

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