

Dear Client,

With the summer months here our vets are beginning to see a lull in large animal emergencies for now. We had a busy Spring with plenty going on within and outside the practice.

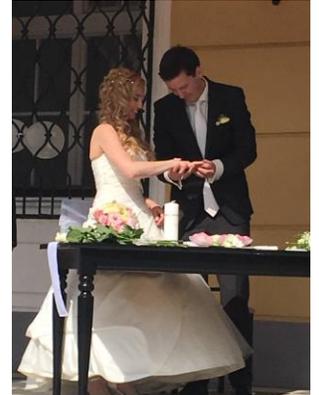
In April 2016 we welcomed our new receptionist Ali Turner to the Moorgate Team. Ali is based at our Moretonhampstead branch. Ali is an Essex girl, but has lived in Devon for over 25 years. Ali has a lot to take in during her first few months with us so your patience would be appreciated whilst she learns the ropes.

On the 6th April 2016 the Dog Microchipping legislation came in to force. Around this time we implanted many microchips for owners who were ensuring that the new legislation was met in time. It is important now that you keep your dog's microchip registration details up to date to continue to comply with this microchipping legislation. Part of the legislation that many people are not aware of is that "No keeper may transfer a dog (of any age) to a new keeper until it has been microchipped." Therefore, with regards to puppies, it is the breeder's responsibility to ensure the puppy is microchipped and registered on a database with their own details. If you are buying a new puppy, the puppy should have already been microchipped and you as the new keeper will need to update the puppy's registration details. The breeder should supply you with the relevant information to do so.

On 24th April 2016 a group of 12 members of staff from Moorgate joined 150 walkers to complete the Templer Way Challenge to help raise money for the Dartmoor Search and Rescue, Ashburton team. The 18 mile sponsored walk followed the route of the Templer Way from the moorland of Haytor to the sea at Shaldon and on total over £11,000 was raised. Thank you to those of you who sponsored the event.



On 7th May 2016 at a beautiful location at Szigliget, Lake Balaton, Hungary our vet Rudi married his beautiful bride Monika. Unfortunately we couldn't all be there to celebrate but Ulli and ANA Becky were lucky enough to join in with the celebrations in Hungary. Many congratulations and good health for the future to the newlyweds.



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.

Clinical Signs....

Rapid swelling of bitten area Depression Shock
may occur

Fang marks may be present but are 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 few vets in the area that stock anti-venom.

WORMING OFFER

Save 25%

Buy a years supply (four treatments) of worming tablets for your dog or cat and receive a 25% discount.

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We are now stocking a fantastic new prescription only product for cats. This is a spot on treatment that protects cats from fleas and ticks for 3 months. This spot on comes with a loyalty scheme (buy 3 get 1 free) and a product guarantee.



FLEA INFESTATION IN THE HOME

We have had a number of reports of clients' homes being infested by fleas. Gaps in treatment, having untreated pets visit your home or using inadequate flea treatment will allow these gruesome critters to enter your home. Keeping all your pets up to date with regular flea treatment will help prevent this – but if you already have a flea problem in the home you will also need to tackle the environment. Vacuuming daily and washing bedding is a good idea. An environmental spray such as Acclaim should be used all over the house, where your pet goes, but remember to include the car. It may take up to three months to get on top of the fleas, flea larvae and pupae in the environment and it may also be necessary to use the household spray more than once. If you need further advice speak to Kathy our nurse.



FIRST AID KITS



Are you venturing out with your dog this summer? We sell Pet First Aid Kits that contain most of the things you may need if your furry friend has an injury or accident. This enables you to transport them to a veterinary surgeon in as comfortable a manner as possible. They also contain medication that can help with home treatment for some common illnesses.



CANINE HEART DISEASE

Certain large and giant breeds of dog are at an increased risk of developing Dilated Cardiomyopathy DCM. There are two phases to DCM; firstly a long "silent" phase, in which the heart has the disease and is slowly deteriorating but there are no outward signs of a problem yet. Dogs in this first phase appear outwardly healthy and happy. The second phase is a shorter "overt" phase where the heart can no longer cope and starts to fail. At this point outward signs of the disease start to be seen.

As dogs in the first phase of the disease appear outwardly normal it is incredibly difficult to identify which dogs have a problem. We can only diagnose dogs in this phase if we perform specific screening tests to assess the heart. A simple 3-step screening programme is now available; the first step involves one of the vets checking the heart and the second step involves performing a heart blood test. This blood test measures the levels of a substance called pro-BNP, which is released into the blood stream when the heart muscle stretches excessively, such as in dogs with DCM. The third step is a non-painful, non-invasive ultrasound scan of the heart for those dogs that have high pro-BNP blood test results.

We have invited owners with dogs over 3 years old who are one of the breeds that is predisposed to DCM to make an appointment with one of our vets, we are currently able to offer free heart blood testing. However if you have not had an invitation and feel your dog could be a candidate for this blood test please contact us.



Predisposed breeds: Doberman Pinscher, Great Dane, Irish Wolfhound, Boxer, Newfoundland, German Shepherd Dog, St. Bernard.

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.

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