

MILFORD VETERINARY HOSPITAL

WINTER NEWSLETTER

We have had another busy few months with Sheena once again visiting mainland Greece in October to offer veterinary services, medication and donations for the stray dogs there. You can see what she got up to for the week on her blog posts on our website. We have also had 2 new night nurses join our out-of-hours team, Sarah & Emma. They are both experienced Registered Veterinary Nurses and we are very happy to have them on the team!



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POISONS

There are several potentially poisonous substances around at this time of year.

They include:

- Anti-freeze
- Chocolate
- Raisins/Grapes
- Conkers/Acorns

Symptoms of poisoning can include:

- Vomiting/diarrhoea/nausea
- Drooling
- Pale/discoloured gums
- Coughing/vomiting blood
- Rapid heart rate
- Weakness/lethargy/wobbliness/dullness
- Collapse

If you think your pet may have been poisoned please call us immediately for advice.



FIREWORKS SEASON

We are now into fireworks season which can be a great deal of disruption and stress for some pets. We have several products available in practice to help keep nervous pets calm.

Vetpro Stress & Anxiety

These capsules are a natural calming supplement that can help your pets relax without any sedative effect.



Adaptil/Feliway

Adaptil for dogs and Feliway for cats are pheromone based calming products. They come in spray form or plug in diffusers. Please speak to a vet or nurse if you need advice on the best calming product for your pet. Stronger sedative products will require a vet check.

RABBITS & GUINEA PIGS - COLD WEATHER

Now temperatures are dropping, especially overnight it is important to make sure your small furries are kept warm if they are kept outdoors. In extreme cold weather it may be best to move them inside however you will then need to keep them in until the spring as they cannot adjust to frequent changes in temperature.

- Check the roof, panels and joints of the hutch are in good condition & completely waterproof. There should be no water stains or mould

- Move the hutch to a more sheltered part of the garden if possible & keep elevated to avoid drafts

- Keep the inside of the hutch well insulated with newspaper & extra hay

- Check water bottles/bowls regularly to ensure they have not frozen

- Increase rations of hay & food to give them plenty of energy to stay warm

- Cover the top of runs to keep them dry

- Check your rabbits & guinea pigs often for signs of hypothermia – lethargy, ears & paws pale & cold to touch. Call us if you are worried.

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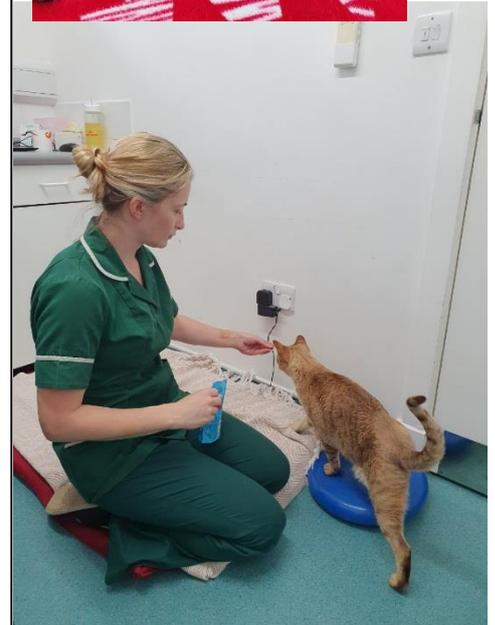
Case Study - Baboo

Baboo went missing for two days and when found was not able to walk on his back legs. He was brought immediately down to the surgery to see the out of hours team. They discovered he was dehydrated, very painful on the right side of his pelvis and his tail was paralysed. After receiving intravenous fluids and strong pain relief, x-rays showed that he had dislocated and fractured his right hip joint (see bottom picture) as well as having a fracture of the sacrum which is where the tail and pelvis join onto the spine and was the cause of the tail paralysis.

The complicated fracture of the hip joint meant it was extremely difficult to repair so it was decided to perform an operation to remove ball of the joint. This allows the joint to move almost normally without the need for a long recovery. The operation went very well and Baboo recovered quickly. The fractured sacrum did not need surgical repair and would heal with rest. However, there was no guarantee that the tail would return to normal function.

After one week of rest, Baboo came to see our physiotherapist Donna who continued to help Baboo's recovery to allow him to use the leg as normally as possible. Gradually, his tail started to regain some function and two months later he was using the tail normally and was able to go outside and explore his local patch again, hopefully a bit more carefully this time round!

- Simon Burgess, MRCVS



Rehabilitation physiotherapy with Donna



X-ray showing the hip joint following surgery

Finally we have sad news...

We are very sad to announce that vet Lucy Denton has left the practice. After 9 happy years at Milford she has made the difficult decision to leave the practice in order to spend more time with her young children. She has built many wonderful relationships with her clients here and will miss you all very much.

Esther Lingard has unfortunately also decided not to return to the practice following her maternity leave. We wish them both the best of luck for the future and they will be greatly missed by the whole Milford team.

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