

Seasonal Canine Illness

Vets don't currently know what is causing SCI but it can affect any dog that has been walked in woodland in autumn. Symptoms of illness come on very quickly, usually between 24 and 72 hours.

If you walk in woodland between August and November, remain vigilant and look out for any of the clinical signs after walking.

The most common signs reported are:

- Vomiting
- Diarrhoea (which can vary from watery to bloody)
- Abdominal pain
- Lethargy (or reluctance to move)
- Loss of appetite
- Shaking or trembling
- High temperature



Take particular care when visiting woodland outside the Swindon area, particularly Sandringham, Thetford, Clumber Park, Rendlesham Forest and Sherwood Forest. There have been no reported cases in Swindon to date. If you suspect your dog is showing symptoms of SCI then please contact us immediately.

Lydiard Bark Charity Dog Show

On 31st August hundreds of dog owners and dog lovers joined us for the first Lydiard Bark.

On the day we judged 325 dogs and raised funds for the Prospect Hospice and PAT (Pets as Therapy). Thank you to everyone who brought along their wonderful dogs and made it such a special day. Thanks also to those people and companies who donated prizes and provided sponsorship. Photos and videos of the day can be seen on our website and Facebook page. Keep an eye out for news on the Lydiard Bark 2015!



Introducing our new Guide Dog puppy...

...and it's a BOY! Last month we were offered this gorgeous little chap to replace our last Guide Dog puppy who was withdrawn from training. We have decided to reuse the name Edison after our hospital. Thank you to everyone who suggested names

for our proposed female Guide Dog, we will keep these available for any future Guide Dogs that we may sponsor. If you would like to follow Edison's progress, we will be posting updates on our Facebook page and website.

Pet Plan Awards

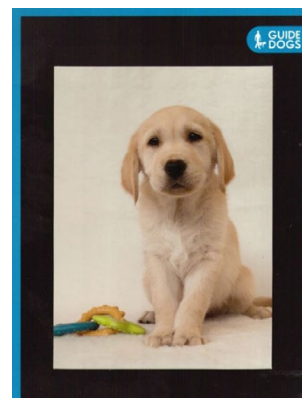
Voting has started! Don't forget to log on to the Pet Plan website to vote.

The 5 award categories are:

- Practice of the Year
- Practice Manager of the Year
- Practice Support Staff of the Year
- Vet Nurse of the Year
- Vet of the Year

Bob Martin Removes Permethrin Products from the Shelves

Bob Martin has removed all 'on-animal' flea products containing permethrin from sale to reduce the risk of misuse and misunderstanding around permethrin the active ingredient. Permethrin is poisonous to cats and often owners are not aware of this resulting in them mistakenly using products intended for dogs on their cats. Permethrin poisoning in cats is one of the most common poisonings seen in cats by vets.





Eastcott Vets is officially Feline Friendly!

We are proud to have achieved the Silver level of certification awarded by International Cat Care (formally the Cat Advisory Bureau).

ICC recognises that there are unique challenges and difficulties in taking a cat into a veterinary clinic and Feline Friendly vets have to provide exceptionally high standards of care and feline specific facilities for their

feline patients. We hope that you and your cats will join us in celebrating this achievement and we look forward to your feedback and getting to know your marvellous moggies!

To read more about what we provide for our feline visitors and their owners, please visit our website.



Harvest Mites

Autumn is here and there are a few seasonal critters that may start making an appearance! Harvest mites are small non-contagious mites that can affect cats and dogs. They look like small spiders and are found on rotting plant material, so are more common in rural areas. They are bright orange, often cluster together and are commonly found between the toes or the folds in the ears. They can cause itchiness, hair loss and can make your pet's skin red. Left untreated this can result in skin infections and signs can be present even when the mites have left the animal. Please do not hesitate to contact us for advice and treatment if you think your pet may have harvest mites.

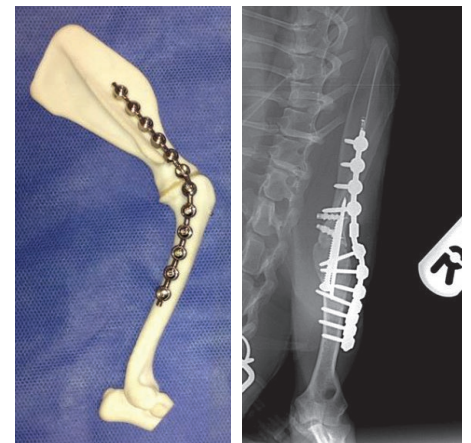
Remember, Remember the 5th of November

Vet Duncan Barnes helps fix a poodle's leg using 3D printing

Duncan, one of our in-house referral vets was asked to treat a 9 year old miniature poodle with a very painful shoulder.

The joint was prone to slipping in and out of joint, causing a good deal of pain. After a thorough examination and a CT scan, Duncan decided that the best way to help was to perform a shoulder arthrodesis - this is when the joint is surgically fused to prevent movement. The surgical procedure has to be performed skilfully as whilst the joint needs to be fused, the patient has to be able to continue to use the leg effectively. Duncan used the CT images and arranged for two 3D printed copies of the dog's leg to be produced. He then used one model to rehearse the surgery. This enabled Duncan to precisely contour the plate and

check the movement within the joint without risk to the patient and a lengthy anaesthetic. The subsequent surgery time was much reduced and then Duncan was able to slip the pre prepared plate in place without complication. The little dog was walking comfortably a few short weeks after surgery!



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Bath Road Clinic

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Mon - Fri 8.30am - 7pm Sat 9am - 12pm

Cricklade Road Clinic

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