

**Dear Client,**

May we take this opportunity to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy 2020.

### How Brexit may affect travelling with your pet from January 2020

As we all know it is unclear as to what type of deal will be made by the end of January 2020. A deal, if any, is likely to affect the current legislations for the Pets Travel Scheme. It is possible that blood sampling 30 days after rabies vaccination and then a three month wait may be introduced for all pets joining the travel scheme. The requirement of an Animal Health Certificate (AHC) is also possible. You will be required to bring your pet in to see one of our Official Veterinarians (OVs) no more than 10 days before travel to have a fitness to travel health check and to get an AHC. AHCs will essentially replace the role of a pets passport and you will be required to obtain a new AHC for each trip you make.

As it is impossible to predict what will happen in January 2020 we are advising owners to hold off plans for travelling with

their pets until clearer information has been provided. If travelling is essential, prepare for a worst case scenario, which is to ensure your pet has a blood test for a rabies antibody titre at least 30 days after the date of rabies vaccination. Please bear in mind a three month travel wait may also be put in place after the sampling date. Contacting us at least 4 months before travelling is highly recommended.

For further information or to see up to date information please visit <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/pet-travel-to-europe-after-brexit>.

### A BIG THANK YOU

May we take this opportunity to thank all of our wonderful clients who have had to ut up with the building work at our Bovey Tracey surgery this year. It has been a tricky year but with thanks to our fantastic architects and builders, Peter Golden Designs and Cowley's of Exeter, our staff and the patience of our clients and neighbors we have ended up with a modern, bright surgery we are very proud of.

## CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR SURGERY OPENING TIMES

	Bovey Tracey	Moretonhampstead
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> December	8am – 5pm	8:30am – 5pm
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> December	CLOSED	CLOSED
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> December	CLOSED	CLOSED
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> December	8am – 7pm	8:30am – 5pm
Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> December	8:30am – 1pm	10am – 12pm
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> December	CLOSED	CLOSED
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> December	8am – 7pm	8:30am – 6:30pm
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> December	8am – 5pm	8:30am – 5pm
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> January	CLOSED	CLOSED

**AS ALWAYS THERE IS A 24 HOUR EMERGENCY SERVICE ON: 01647 440441**

*It will always be a Moorgate vet that attends to your call*

Please remember that it is Christmas and New Year for the Vets as well, so please make use of the surgery opening times whenever possible.

## CHRISTMAS DANGERS

Christmas is a time to indulge and have fun. We all want our pets to be part of the celebration but once again can we remind our clients that this time of year presents many potential toxic hazards to pets, so please take care over the festive season.

**Chocolate** can be very toxic to dogs, in general the higher the cocoa content the more toxic the chocolate. Additionally, there are now several reports confirming that dogs eating even a small amount of **grapes, raisins or sultanas** (including Christmas cake, Christmas pudding & mince pies) can develop renal failure. Many pets also love chewing house plants, however many of these are toxic to pets. Remember to make sure you keep **mistletoe, holly and poinsettias** away from pets as both their leaves and berries, if eaten, are extremely toxic. Remember **Lillies** are also toxic, especially to cats.



Please take care with your pets whilst Christmas presents are being wrapped and trees are being decorated. Cats and dogs like playing with **tinsel and ribbon**. It is not uncommon for cats to eat long pieces of ribbon!

Don't be tempted to feed your pet **bones**. Turkey and chicken bones especially splinter when chewed. Bones may splinter and cause damage on their way to the stomach. They may cause a blockage, vomiting and a sore abdomen. This can result in an operation to have them removed. **String from meat joints** can also cause an obstruction if eaten.



Feeding food to pets that they are not usually given can result in tummy upsets. Vomiting and diarrhoea may occur. Several foods taken from your plate maybe toxic. **Onions** contain a substance that destroys red blood cells and can cause anaemia. **Garlic** contains a similar substance in a lesser amount. We are stocking several Christmas treats for your dogs and cats which are perfectly healthy (in small quantities of course) and allows you to give your furry loved one goodies over the festive period.

Some might hope for a white Christmas, but as the weather gets colder remember Ethylene Glycol, used as **antifreeze** in car radiators, is a potential hazard for many pets at this time of year. It is sweet tasting and very palatable to both cats and dogs, but also very toxic. If ingested, even small amounts can cause serious kidney failure and usually death. We have sadly

seen many suspected and confirmed cases of Ethylene glycol poisoning. Although it is near impossible to stop free-roaming dogs & cats coming into contact with antifreeze, please take care at home to keep both new and used antifreeze in a sealed container out of reach of pets. Clean up any spills of antifreeze on driveways and other hard surfaces. It is worth knowing that Halfords sell Bittrex which is an Ethylene Glycol free antifreeze.



## WELCOME TO TEAM MOORGATE

We have two new team members joining our Bovey Tracey surgery this winter. We are looking forward to working with them both.

Lauren Griffiths joined our reception team at the end of November. Lauren joins us with plenty of administration experience. In her spare time Lauren enjoys long countryside walks exploring the moors with her two Labradors Glenn & Iann. She is also an active scuba diver and spends a lot of her spare time diving around the coast of Devon and Cornwall.

Melanie Smith joins our nursing team in mid-December. Melanie is an experienced Animal Nursing Assistant. She will be a real asset to our team bringing plenty of knowledge as she has had around 30 years' experience working within veterinary practices. Like Lauren in her spare time Melanie enjoys walking her dogs. She also very much enjoys horse riding and swimming.

Mid-December we say goodbye to Alison Mudge, ANA, whose baby is due in January 2020. May we wish Alison the best of luck with the rest of her pregnancy, birth and beyond. As Alison is moving up to Hull to be with her partner we hope she finds time to put her feet up and have some "quiet" time before the baby makes an arrival.

## Practice Facilities

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

### 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  
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prescriptions etc.  
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### FOR OUT OF HOUR EMERGENCIES PLEASE

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