

Dear All,

It's been a long time since we have had a newsletter and there have been many changes over the last couple of years. We have said goodbye to some old faces as they move to pastures new and welcomed some lovely new ones!

Tracy has moved from being our Senior Animal Nursing Assistant, to our Practice Manager. She started with us back in 2005, so has been with us for 18 years, she knows the practice really well and is looking forward to getting to grips with her new role.

We have some new Veterinary surgeons: Cameron Dee, Stijn Brussen, Eliza Daniel & Louise Turley and we will introduce them to you over the coming months.

Our Nursing staff have had some changes too, with some more to come! We were pleased to welcome Hannah Hawes RVN back into the Moorgate family after she did a long stint for us as a locum. She will now be doing a mix of nursing and TB testing.

Liza Leighton RVN has also joined us from another practice & is building up our nurse clinics & will be taking on the training of our student nurses.

Other new team members are Terri Saunders, Sharon Willcocks, Samantha Westlake, Hazel Wills, Nicky Perry & Ellie Pattle – some of them will be familiar to you as you will see them regularly on reception.

We hope the topics covered in this newsletter are of interest; we welcome any suggestions for future newsletter editions if there is anything in particular you would like us to cover.

Team Member Profile

Cameron Dee BVMedSci (Hons) BVM BVS (Hons) MRCVS



Cameron joined us in August 2021 after graduating from the University of Nottingham. He grew up on a small Warwickshire farm, this inspired his love of both domestic and farm animals and the outdoor life in general. When he is not working, Cam enjoys exploring the local area on foot, bike and by canoe.

EASTER

KEEP YOUR CHOCOLATE OUT OF REACH

Please remind everyone in your family of the danger of chocolate. We ask you to take extra precautions to keep Easter chocolate out of your dog's reach. Don't allow small children to have chocolate when the dog is nearby. Remind guests not to share Easter goodies with your friendly pet.



LAMBING TIME

We all enjoy the beautiful countryside we live in. We urge all dog owners to respect the countryside and those who farm it. Keep to the footpaths and keep your dog on a lead when near livestock. At this time of the year, we sadly see a peak in dog attack numbers as sheep are at their most vulnerable. Remember, if your dog attacks livestock you the owner, could be responsible for the crime. Also remember that a farmer has the right to protect their livestock.



Team Member Profile

Liza Leighton Registered Veterinary Nurse



Liza is one of our Registered Veterinary Nurses. Liza came to us in 2022 and works full time in Bovey Tracey. Liza qualified in 2003, and has since worked in various practices around Devon. Liza has a keen interest in Nurse Clinics and in-patient care. When not in work, she is busy running around after her son and her two cats.

TICKS

As the weather warms up tick activity increases. Ticks are generally unpleasant creatures, more than that, they can pose a threat to the health of your pet and your family. Ticks are common in woodland, grassland and heath areas, but can also be found in your garden if you live in an area with lots of wildlife. You are most likely to come across them in areas with lots of deer or sheep. Ticks transmit microbes that cause diseases, such as Lyme disease. It's a good idea to use a tick treatment that will either repel ticks or kill them if they attach. Spot on treatments, tablets and collars are available and we can advise on the suitability of each product. We also offer a vaccination which is available for dogs to protect them against Lyme disease; ask one of our staff members for further information.



Unfed tick

Fed (engorged) tick



SEASIDE VISITS

As the warm spring weather arrives, and before dog beach bans are enforced, we all hope to be able to make some trips to the seaside with our canine companions. As well as keeping yourself and your dog out of danger from cliffs and dangerous tidal areas there are a few other things to take into consideration when visiting the seaside: Swallowing sand can cause stomach problems for your dog. Choose toys that pick up less sand – for example, a frisbee will pick up less sand than a fuzzy tennis ball. Drinking salty water can give your dog a nasty bout of diarrhoea. Rinse your dog off with fresh water after swimming and offer plenty of fresh water for drinking. Seaweed stalks can cause a blockage in your dogs stomach or gut if they eat them. Your dog may need a serious operation to remove the stalk. Keep an eye on your dog to make sure they do not eat an indigestible snack!

PET TRAVEL & EXPORTS

The practice is registered with APHA and six of our vets are Official Veterinarians (OVs) that can issue the appropriate documentation for pets to travel overseas. Since Brexit, the document required to take your pet on holiday is an Animal Health Certificate (AHC) and needs to be issued within a certain timeframe before travel. If you are thinking about taking your pet abroad, please contact our Bovey Tracey surgery and ask to speak to our Office Administrator Sophie Hickson who deals with all of our pet travel and export work for the practice. Sophie can advise you of the certain travel requirements for your pet and can make a booking for you to receive an AHC from us. As well as pet travel, we also deal with local businesses that export animal based products internationally to Europe and Asia.



Easter Bank Holiday Opening Times
Good Friday 7th April 2023 – CLOSED
 Saturday 8th April 2023 – 8.30am – 1.00pm
 Sunday 9th April 2023 – CLOSED
Easter Monday 10th April 2023 – CLOSED

WE ARE STILL RUNNING OUR 24 HOUR EMERGENCY COVER OVER THIS TIME
WE WISH ALL OUR CLIENTS A HAPPY EASTER!

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

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