

Dear All,

We hope everyone had a lovely Easter. Last month, we said farewell to two of our nurses Ellie & Terri; we wish them both all the best in their new ventures. We have welcomed Registered Veterinary Nurse Ali Weekes, to our team and look forward to passing her expertise and knowledge on to our training nurses.

Seasonal Allergies

Cats and dogs can be allergic to one or more different things. Allergens can be categorized into three main groups. Within each group, your pet may be allergic to something very specific but generally the groups overlap. This means, your pet may be allergic to things from one or all of the three main groups.

The main groups are:

Flea allergy – Cats and dogs can be allergic to the saliva of fleas which is injected into the skin when they bite. This is the most common type of allergy. In cats it typically causes over grooming and in dogs, scratching and nibbling. The skin develops little red spots (papules) and in cats, they are felt as widespread crusts.

Food allergy – Food allergies can arise even when cats and dogs have been eating the same food for months to years. A food allergy is a reaction to a particular protein or food chemical and the reaction manifests in the skin. Common proteins that cats and dogs are allergic to include chicken, fish, gluten and egg. Cats that have a food allergy generally scratch around the head and neck, but in dogs, any dog that is considered to be itchier than “normal” could have a food allergy.

Atopic dermatitis – Atopic dermatitis is basically a reaction to an environmental allergen, comparable to hay fever or asthma in humans. The environmental allergen may be seasonal, for example pollen, or be present all year round, for example house dust mites. For seasonal atopic dermatitis, cats and dogs only itch when the allergen is in abundance – so only at certain times of the year. Cats and dogs with atopic dermatitis may scratch their body, lick and chew their paws and rub their face.



NEW TEAM MEMBER

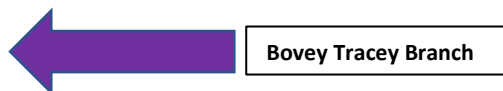


ALI WEEKES
REGISTERED VETERINARY NURSE

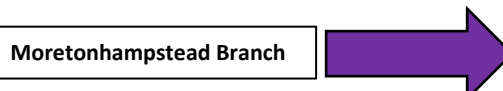
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ANDREA ULVEDE
RECEPTIONIST



Bovey Tracey Branch



Moretonhampstead Branch

PHYSIOTHERAPY

TANYA SPRUNKS MPA, BSc(Hons), PgDip

Tanya provides individually combined maintenance, fitness and rehabilitation treatment options for your pet. Tanya has completed a BSc (Hons) in Veterinary Physiotherapy allowing her to combine up to date scientific knowledge and clinical expertise.

Treatment combines a variety of therapeutic techniques and range of specialist equipment designed specifically with your pet in mind.

- Pain relief
- Trigger point release
- Myofascial release
 - Massage
- Joint mobilisations
- Strength training
- Exercise prescription
- Performance enhancement
- Pre and post operative rehabilitation
 - Class 3b laser
 - Therapeutic ultrasound
- Pulsed Electromagnetic Field therapy (PEMF)
- Transcutaneous Electrical Nerve Stimulation (TENS)
- Neuro-Muscular Electrical Stimulation (NMES)

All treatments are given with great care and gentleness. For further information on referral for these treatments, please contact the surgery as normal.



LET'S TALK POO

We often think of picking up after our pets as an act of decency, but there are much bigger reasons why we should be cleaning up our dogs' waste.

It's important to note that intestinal parasites like Roundworm, Whipworm, Hookworm, Tapeworm & Cyclospora are extremely common in our dogs' faeces. They can infect animals of any age, although puppies tend to be the biggest victims. Symptoms of intestinal parasites are:

Vomiting, diarrhoea, distended abdomen, weight loss, occasionally coughing

While many animals can be asymptomatic carriers of these parasites, others can become very sick. Intestinal parasites can be transmitted to people and other pets.

In order to prevent the spread of these parasites, you can use preventative dewormers routinely every 3 months, along with good sanitation and environmental control.

Bacteria can also be found in your dogs' faeces like Salmonella, E.coli, Giardia. Symptoms of these are:

Abdominal pain, pyrexia, diarrhoea, vomiting, lack of appetite, weight loss, bloody stools.

May Bank Holidays

Monday 1st May 2023

Monday 8th May 2023

Monday 29th May 2023

WE ARE STILL RUNNING OUR 24 HOUR EMERGENCY COVER OVER THIS TIME

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