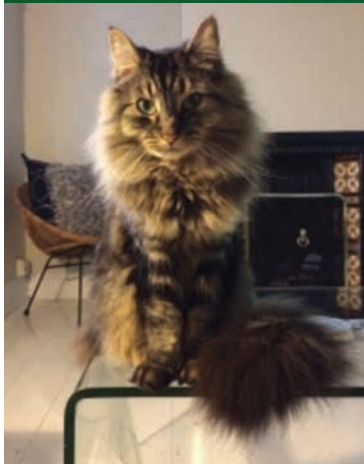




Cat Only Clinic



Our Cat Only Clinic at Coggeshall has been running a few months now and we have had some very satisfied catsomers!

Mrs Munson, owner of a very beautiful cat called Chip, visited the clinic for the first time and described it as amazing!

“ Chip loved it. He was relaxed and strutted his stuff around the consult room. He was also very relaxed for his injection, whereas previously he would give a bit of a growl and cling to me. It was so nice to have a very relaxed cat who enjoyed the trip to the vets! ”

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Appointments run from 11am every Tuesday.

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To book a Cat Only Appointment ring our Coggeshall branch on **01376 561667** or **01376 325511** outside of their normal opening hours.

NEW COMPETITION
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In Memory of Spencer Bayer

On June 21st 2017 we lost one of the founding fathers and a much-loved member of the Millennium Practice family.

Spencer Bayer graduated from the University of Pretoria in 1960. In order to fund a trip to Europe, he took a temporary job in a small country town in Essex, joining Waters and Logue in Halstead. He never left, eventually setting up in partnership with life-long friend Tony Farrow to create the Braintree firm of Farrow and Bayer in 1976.

Spencer was a very accomplished general practitioner, but he was never happier than when out on the farm. As the companion animal side of the practice grew, with the addition of David Garrett and Paul Freeman to the partnership, Spencer retained responsibility until his retirement in 1998 for the dairy and beef herds around Braintree and as far distant as Finchingfield and Great Totham. His tales of the eccentric farming stock of old Essex have entered the practice folklore.

Always one to embrace change, Spencer was quick to see the opportunity to develop the role of veterinary nurses. He set about training the practice's first nurse – Valerie Watts RANA – followed by Dawn Williams VN who is still on the staff today. He should also be credited with introducing diagnostic ultrasound at an early stage for a mixed general practice.

Spencer revelled in the variety and drama of veterinary life, finding satisfaction in almost every aspect of his work. He and Tony set high clinical standards for themselves and their staff – standards we are proud to maintain. And if hard work and conscientiousness were expected, the two partners were always an excellent example of both.

Spencer was an effective and patient teacher and always willing to help if one of his colleagues needed assistance. In the days of Farrow and Bayer this would include turning out in the middle of the night for emergencies, small or large animal, where another head or pair of hands was needed. Before the advent of qualified VNs, vets acted as anaesthetist/surgical nurse for each other in these situations and, once the calf or litter of pups were safely delivered and all parties were thoroughly awake, Spencer would see it as a good opportunity to put the world to rights. He loved a good argument, even if it meant he had to adopt a position diametrically opposed to his actual belief in order to get one started!

We will remember Spencer as an outstanding veterinary surgeon, creator of a successful and respected business, and a kind and thoughtful employer, but we will miss him as a warm, vital and unique personality who radiated enjoyment of life in all he did. It was our privilege to know him.



Spencer working at the practice, in its original site on Coggeshall Road (MVP picture archives).



Spencer at one of his many farm visits (MVP picture archives).



Spencer with Carol Hudson (Practice Manager) and Dawn Greenaway (formerly Williams) at our 50th Anniversary Open Day in 2016.

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Ellis standing in front of the reserves 30,000 volt electric fence which helps to keep the reserve animals safe



A Walk on the Wild Side

Nurses Emma Ruggles and Ellis Turner recently experienced their own wild adventure when they chose to volunteer in South Africa.

Emma joined the team working for 'Care For Wild Africa' a rhino orphanage and rehabilitation Centre specialising in the care, rehabilitation and release of injured or orphaned white and black rhino calves. 'My most memorable moment would have to be, bottle feeding the rhino calves. The youngest ones needed a bottle of milk every two hours, round the clock!'

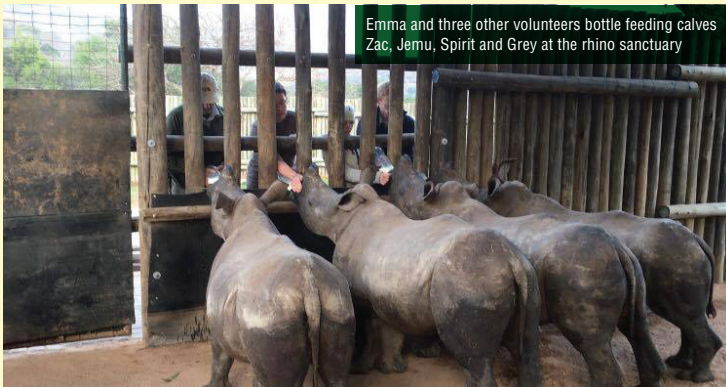
Ellis joined the team at the Welgevonden Game Reserve in the Waterberg District of Limpopo, home to over 50 different mammals. Reflecting on her trip, Ellis said that 'Just being in South Africa and driving around the reserve in a roofless jeep, through the homes of some amazing wild animals was out of this world. But being able to see families help each other, getting up close to the wild animals including rhinos and a lion to help sedate and treat their medical needs, was an experience I will never forget.'

Ellis would love to return to South Africa again and work in the orphanage facilities, but for now wants to concentrate on her UK nursing after qualifying in August. Emma too would love to go back and pick up where she left off, but for now is looking forward to completing her nursing certificate in emergency and critical care.

To read more about both their adventures, visit our website Latest News pages.



A young cheetah in the Welgevonden reserve returning to her four cubs after eating a meal



Emma and three other volunteers bottle feeding calves Zac, Jemu, Spirit and Grey at the rhino sanctuary



Emma bottle feeding six month old white rhino calf Khanya

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WILL YOU BE MY FRIEND?



We are big fans of any material that helps children be kind to animals and in particular how to be safe around dogs.

'Worzel says hello! Will you be my friend?' is a wonderful book by Worzel Wooface, the well known lurcher author! Written by Catherine Pickles and illustrated by Chantal Bourgonje the story is told from the dog's perspective - Worzel worries about meeting children even though he wants to make new friends. The book teaches readers how to make friends with Worzel and other dogs like him and is a helpful book for adults wanting to safely and successfully introduce a dog to a child.



Fleas!

A common misconception is that fleas are seasonal.

Unfortunately this is not true, fleas can live happily on your pet and in your home when the heating is on over the winter months. If your flea treatment is overdue we recommend you contact us so we can advise the best treatment for your pets. No one wants a flea infestation at anytime of the year, least of all in the winter! Tel: **01376 325511**



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