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## Latest Gossip

During September we will be running a dental campaign to raise awareness of the importance of good dental hygiene in our pets. We will be offering dental scale and polish for a discounted price during September so to take up this offer please make an appointment with our dental nurse or call us on 0117 9505888 to find out more.

We would like to welcome several new members of staff to the Viking Team. We have welcomed Tracy onto the reception team. Tracey has a jack russell called Diesel, a cat called Anderson and a bearded dragon called Scratchy. In her spare time she enjoys going on long walks with Diesel and spending quality time with her family. Emily joined us in July as a student veterinary nurse and will begin her training in September. She has a German Shepherd called Jes and enjoys horse riding in her spare time. She has previously worked as a veterinary receptionist and a veterinary care assistant so has settled in well at Viking. In August we welcomed Andy, a veterinary surgeon, to the team and he will be job sharing with his wife Amy. Andy grew up in Dubai and graduated from the University of Bristol in 2008. He has a keen interest in surgery, particularly "keyhole" surgery. In his spare time he enjoys spoiling his daughter Elia and practicing Brazilian Jiu Jitsu/ submission grappling.

In August Maria attended the family fun day and dog show at the Avon Riding Centre. She enjoyed hosting

**UPDATE FOR RABBIT OWNERS:** Recently in the UK and Europe a new strain of Viral Haemorrhagic Disease (VHD) has emerged which is causing disease and death in rabbits. This has caused great concern amongst rabbit breeders, pet owners and vets in the UK. It is important to be aware that the currently recommended combined Myxomatosis and VHD vaccine is still providing essential protection but is not able to provide good protection against this new strain of VHD. A new vaccine manufactured in France has been shown to provide protection against the new strain of disease and can be used in addition to our current vaccination. Viking Vets is now able to offer







this additional vaccination for your pet rabbit. Please contact us on 01179505888 or email [thevets@vikingvets.com](mailto:thevets@vikingvets.com) for further information or to book your appointment.



## ADVICE FOR FIREWORKS NIGHT

- 1) Provide a den or hiding place where your pet can feel safe, this can be a crate, space under the stairs or even in a wardrobe. Prepare it a few weeks before.
- 2) DAP and Feliway plug-in diffusers can be used to increase the feeling of security, also supplements such as Kalmaid and zylkene are useful to decrease anxiety but need to be started in advance. Ask one of our nurses for more information on these before the event.
- 3) Walk your dog during the daylight when fireworks are less likely to go off and startle them.
- 4) Keep cats inside, make sure windows, doors, and catflaps are closed and draw the curtains so the flashes can't be seen. Remember to provide a litter tray if your cat is not usually kept inside!
- 5) Provide distractions from the fireworks by turning the TV up, playing music, and playing with your pet. Sound therapy CDs are available which can help prepare your pet for the following year if used correctly.





- 6) Ignore any fearful behaviour! Panting, shaking, and whining should all be ignored, **any attention you give is reinforcing to the pet that they are right to be frightened!**
- 7) Cats prefer to go and hide on their own, they should be left to do this and not be disturbed, they will come out when they feel safe to do so.
- 8) If your dog is extremely frightened there are other drugs we can give,. These are prescription drugs so an appointment will be needed with a vet, therefore it is best to arrange this before the event not once the fireworks have started.
- 9) There is a lot of behavioural advice we can give on this subject, both for the short term and long term to prevent the same situation each year. Please don't hesitate to ask for more information.



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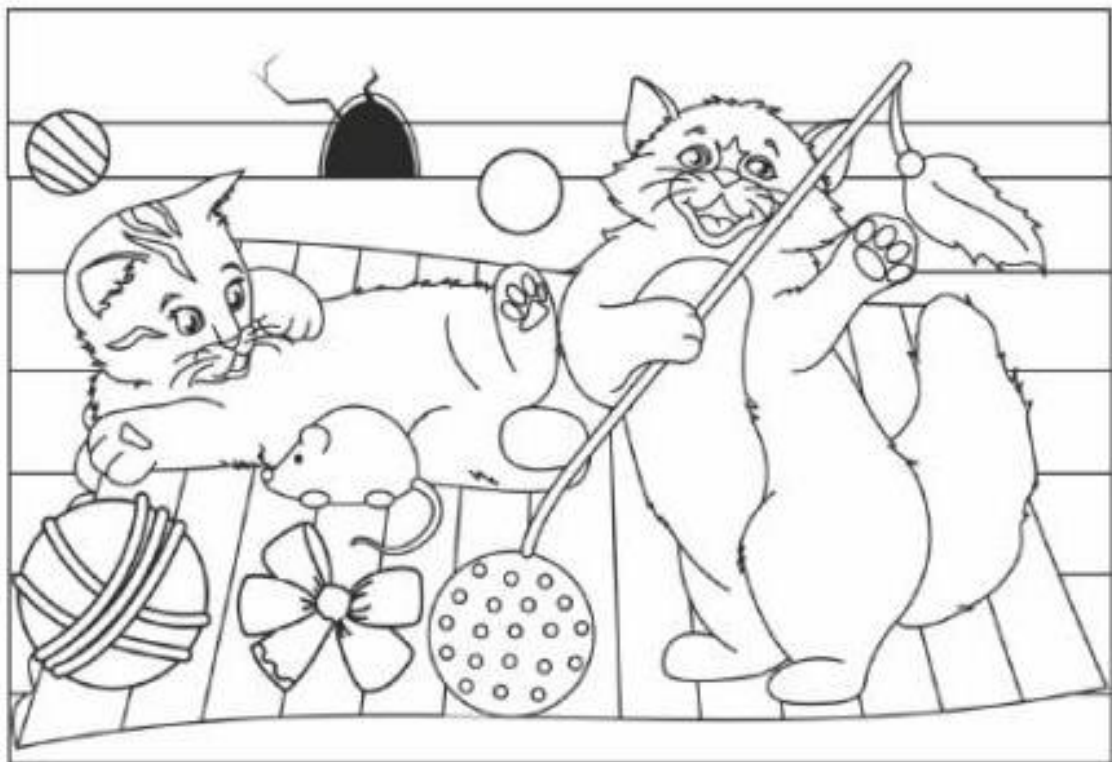
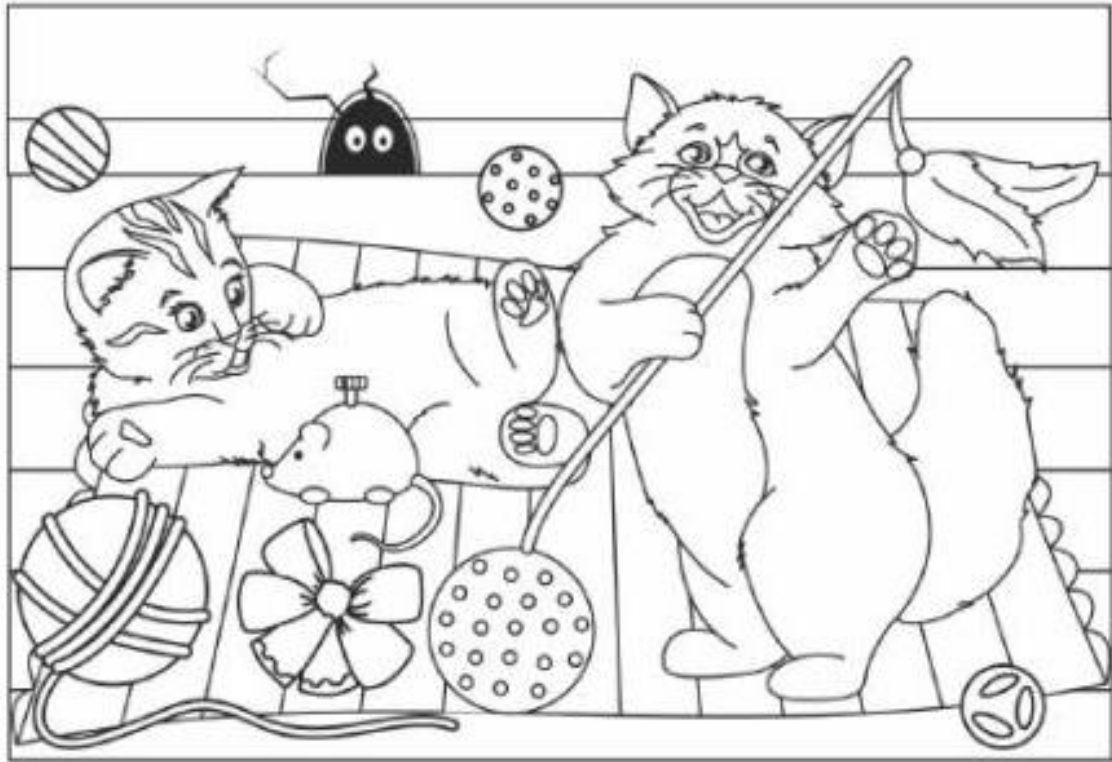
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