



# Hunters Lodge

## Veterinary Practice

### Pet Health Club Launch

We appreciate that giving your pet the best care can be expensive. With this in mind, at the end of September we are very excited to be launching our new Pet Health Club.



This is a fantastic opportunity to give your pet the best care, spread the cost and also save a great deal of money at the same time. For a monthly fee

your pet will receive their annual vaccinations and the best flea and worming treatment. They will receive 6 monthly check ups and an annual blood test to make sure they stay healthy. As a Pet Health Club member you will also be eligible for 10% discounts on all treatments, medication and food.



There are also reduced monthly fees for additional pets on the plan.



The next table is an illustration of the minimum savings that you will make on the plan. It does not take into account any discounts on medication, procedures and food so the savings should be much greater.

Pet	Plan Cost/ month	Club Member Saving
Rabbit	£8.25	£20.00
Small Dog	£15.00	£114.00
Medium Dog	£16.00	£113.00
Large Dog	£18.00	£114.00
XL Dog	£24.00	£174.00
Cat	£16.50	£106.98

So if you want to give your pet the best care and get great value for money ask at reception for further details.

### New Leishmania Vaccine

If your pet travels abroad you should be aware of Leishmaniasis. This is a debilitating, life threatening disease that can cause your pet many problems. The disease is caused by a parasite that is passed on by biting sand flies.



It is mostly seen in Southern Europe although can be seen further north. Until recently the only prevention

was by using **Advantix** and **Scalibor collars** to repel the sand flies. The good news is that there is now a vaccine available to protect your pet on holiday. The course is three injections two weeks apart and your dog will be protected 4 weeks



after the last vaccination. So if you are taking your dog into an at risk area you will need to plan ahead to make

sure they are protected.

**Leishmaniasis is a horrible disease. Don't take the risk.**

### New Services

We will shortly be receiving our new video endoscopy unit. This is a camera that we can use to look inside the patient. It is especially useful in looking at the stomach, intestines and airways of cats and dogs.



If your pet has been vomiting or has eaten something it shouldn't have we will be able to look inside and see what is going on. If your pet has swallowed a foreign body we may be able to retrieve it without putting him through an operation. We will also

be able to perform biopsies of the stomach and small intestine in a much less invasive manner resulting in a quicker recovery for the patient. We had a recent case of Meg an 8 yr old Staffordshire Bull Terrier who has developed a few nasty gastric ulcers. She had an operation to look inside the stomach and biopsy the ulcer in case it was cancerous. The biopsy results were suspicious of a tumour. She was then put onto medication for a month. After this time Meg came back to the practice



and underwent endoscopy to see how her stomach wall was healing. We were

delighted to see that after a month of treatment the stomach wall had fully healed. There was no sign on any ulcer or tumour. This was great news for Meg's owner which we could not have known without the endoscopy.

### It's That Time of Year Again



As we creep into Autumn we head towards firework season. The key to relieving your pets stress is planning! Here are 3 top tips:

- 1) Provide a den or covered area where your pet can feel safe.
- 2) Products such as **Adaptil** and **Feliway** can be used in the home to help relieve your pets stress. They are pheromone products that make your pet feel calmer and more secure. They come in several forms but the diffuser is useful to plug in

near your pets hiding place



3) Also, don't give them lots of attention if they are stressed as you will be rewarding this behaviour and encouraging it. This is hard to do, especially as they will be looking to you for reassurance. Just act as though there is nothing to worry about.

### Further Advice

- 1) Ask your vet about other medications that are available.
- 2) Close all windows, doors and cat flaps to reduce chances of escape.
- 3) Provide extra litter trays for cats.
- 4) Provide distractions eg. new toys and chews. Draw curtains and put on the TV to mask the noise.
- 5) DO NOT punish your pet. It will just make them more stressed.
- 6) Try not to leave your pet alone when fireworks are going off. Your pet may hurt themselves during this time.
- 7) Walk your dog when it's light.

### Puppy Parties

Puppy parties are going strong. We have been running them since September and they have proved to be a great success. The most rewarding thing is seeing how the pups come back to practice on other occasions. They can't wait to get through the door! It's a great formative experience for your puppy. Take a look at the puppy party movie on our website.



## Practice News

### Bon Voyage Grant

Grant will be leaving mid October to go on sabbatical. He is going to be travelling all over the world doing some charity work for animals along the way. He will be back in the New Year.



In the meantime we have a lovely vet called Debbie Mitchell that will be at Ewhurst 3 days a week. She has lots of experience with small and large animals and will be a great addition to the practice.

### Exam Success



Congratulations to Nicki who has passed her exams with flying colours.

She is now a fully qualified Greenie.

### Open Day

Thanks to all of you who came to support us during our open day in July. It was a fun day and we enjoyed showing everyone around the practice. Hopefully it was an interesting day for you all.

**Recommend us to a friend and as a thank you receive £15 off your next visit.**

This is how it works - pick up some vouchers from reception and we will write your name and address on the back. When your friend comes in for their first visit they will get 20% off and you will get £15 credited to your account per new customer. So the more people that come in, the more you get back to spend on any treatments, products or food.

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### **About Us**

Hunters Lodge is a well-established, independent mixed practice offering a high quality service for all small animals, farm animals and horses.

We understand that clients appreciate continuity of care and always endeavour to arrange an appointment with the vet you request. Our team consists of three veterinary surgeons and five veterinary nurses who aim to provide a caring and individual service to achieve the needs of you and your pet.

We have two fully equipped practices in Guildford and Ewhurst where we can perform all routine and more involved surgical operations.

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