

May Newsletter



Welcome to Ani Medics Veterinary Centre's May Newsletter.

Keep an eye on our website, Facebook and Twitter for all the pictures, plus latest news and events at your veterinary centre!

This month our vet Orlaith is taking the challenge of 10K charity run on the 5th of May!!! We are very proud of her!!

RABBIT AWARENESS WEEK

Rabbits are often considered to be children's pets. They are relatively cheap to purchase and care for, however many bunny owners are unaware of the diet, exercise and environmental requirements for their pet. The sole aim of RAW is to educate owners about responsible rabbit ownership and improve the well-being of Britain's third most popular pet, it is estimated there are about 2 million domestic rabbits in Britain.

Rabbit awareness week is held annually, the focus is on raising awareness of rabbits' dietary requirements, which is key not only to their physical and dental health, but also their emotional health too.

We are offering free health checks over a one month period, so if you (or someone you know) would be interested in attending please let us know via telephone 01823 240140, email info@animedicscreechcastle.co.uk, Twitter or Facebook.

Husbandry and feeding

Rabbits can be kept either indoors or outdoors and they can be trained to use litter trays if kept inside. The two most important things about keeping a pet rabbit are diet and housing. Rabbits eat **GRASS** either fresh or as hay and this should be available to them at all times. Their teeth grow continuously so they need to chew on fibrous food such as HAY or GRASS for much of the day. Not only does this keep the teeth in good shape but it also gives the right proportion of minerals and vitamins for good bone growth.

Multicoloured commercial foods containing peas, maize etc are to be **AVOIDED**.

They are not a natural diet for rabbits and give the wrong balance of nutrients, which can lead to problems such as obesity and overgrown teeth, as they are higher in calories and lower in fibre. The occasional carrot, apple, cabbage or dandelion leaf is fine but the main diet should be GRASS.

Rabbits need an interesting and stimulating environment and should not be confined to a small hutch for long periods.

Ideally they should have a large grass run with things to climb on and places to hide.



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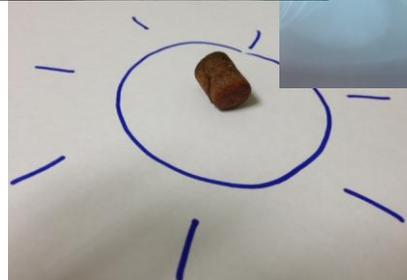
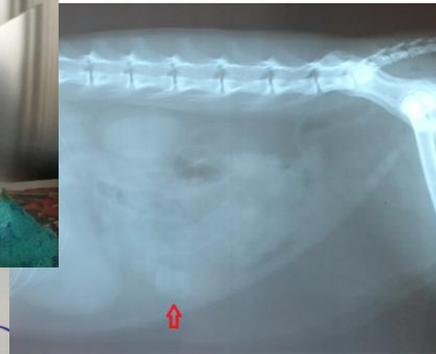


Pet of the Month

Our pet of the month is PATCH!!!

He came to us feeling very poorly and after x-rays we found something.....

He went for surgery, an ear plug was recovered and Patch is feeling happier than ever.



Puppies First Vet Visit

Regular checks help to keep your puppy healthy as he grows and ensures that he gets used to going to the vets. Make sure you register your puppy at the practice as soon as you can, in case he needs to be seen urgently, and keep a note of our 24 hour emergency number 01823 240 140.

So what will happen at your puppy's first vet visit?

- a thorough assessment to make sure that he is in tip-top health and has no sign of any impairment.
- his first vaccination, unless this has already been done, which will help to protect your puppy against some serious infectious diseases.
- all puppies will need worming regularly so we can advise you on the best treatment choice.

- you can discuss lots of other subjects such as flea control, microchipping, pet insurance, neutering, diet and training.

Your puppy might be a little overwhelmed at first - after all, there is a lot for him to take in as well, what with all the new smells, people and experiences. However, with a few cuddles from you and us he will soon start feel more relaxed.

Did you know?

Puppies are the most receptive to new experiences at 3 to 12 weeks of age, which makes this the best time to focus on socialising them. It becomes more difficult by the week after they reach 12 weeks of age. By 18 weeks, they are fairly set in the way they regard other people and places. Don't forget to ask about our puppy parties.

