

CONSULTING TIMES

Monday–Friday

8.00am—12.00 and 2.00pm—7.00pm

Saturday

8.00am — 5.00pm

(01442) 216048

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PRACTICE SERVICES

- ◆ Prompt Appointments
- ◆ Wide choice of Appointment times
- ◆ Ample parking
- ◆ Telephone Help Line
- ◆ Home visits
- ◆ Behavioural Advice
- ◆ Senior Health Examinations
- ◆ Junior Healthcare Scheme
- ◆ Dental Health examinations
- ◆ Examination of Exotic pets
- ◆ Vaccinations
- ◆ Ultrasound and Xray facilities
- ◆ Blood Pressure Testing & ECG
- ◆ On-site Laboratory tests
- ◆ Surgery and Dentistry
- ◆ Insurance Advice

NURSE CLINICS

- ◆ Nutritional Advice
- ◆ Program Injections
- ◆ Bandage Changes
- ◆ Nail Clipping
- ◆ Removal of Stitches
- ◆ Weight Checks
- ◆ Administration of worm Tablets

Introducing 'Vets Now' Out of Hours Service

In future, if your pet needs urgent attention at night or at a weekend you will always be able to contact the specialist Vets Now team of vets and nurses who are now based on site at Barton Lodge. Our new emergency out-of-hours veterinary service is permanently located in Barton Lodge Veterinary Centre and is run by the Vets Now emergency team. Vets Now provide specialist emergency veterinary services nationwide and were established 10 years ago. They are working with us to provide top quality 24 hour emergency care for your pet. The Vets Now service is only available at nights, weekends and bank holidays and it will always be provided right here at Barton Lodge Veterinary Centre. The Vets Now team of vets and nurses bring their own expertise in emergency medicine and critical patient care plus they are always on site and working in the practice overnight to treat and monitor your pet, if your pet's condition requires hospitalising for continued emergency treatment and nursing care. The Vets Now team work independently from the Barton Lodge Veterinary Centre team but there is a careful handover of patient care between the two teams. At night the Vets Now team will always have computer access to your pet's Barton Lodge clinical records plus their team will be provided with full clinical information from Barton Lodge staff for all pets that have been hospitalised. Vets Now also have access to details about any on-going or previous medical problems for pets registered with us. If your pet is treated by the Vets Now team, the next morning your pet's care will be professionally handed back from Vets Now to the Barton Lodge Veterinary Centre team with careful liaison between the two teams of vets and nurses. Your pet's medical care and well-being is very important to both teams.

If you have an emergency out-of-hours you must telephone 01442 768484. This number will always be answered directly by the Vets Now team, so it is wise to keep a note of it handy for emergencies. Alternatively if you phone 216048 out of hours, there is a message giving out the Vets Now number. Please be sure to always telephone the Vets Now team before arriving at Barton Lodge as it is hugely helpful to let the team prepare in advance to receive your pet and be ready to deal with the emergency that has arisen. Emergency care will be delivered by a Vets Now team who only work out of hours, ensuring that they are always fresh and ready to treat emergencies.

Vets Now treats over 80,000 pet emergencies nationwide every year so Barton Lodge Veterinary Centre patients will be in good hands.

**24 HOUR EMERGENCY
SERVICE
(01442) 216048**



Summer time is Party time for Fleas and Ticks

Its summer time and unless pets are treated they will be at risk of picking up the skin parasites that thrive in warm, humid weather. Fleas, like other parasites such as ticks and mites really enjoy this time of year. So to spoil their party, a really effective flea product is needed to act quickly and kill any adult fleas on your pet plus the immature stages which are deposited around the home. To work well, any flea product needs to keep acting for a prolonged period of time after application. An effective flea control product really should last for at least a month and nothing that works for a shorter time is very useful as it will not break the flea life cycle.

Stronghold, Frontline, Program and Advocate are available at Barton Lodge Veterinary Centre, and are all very long acting and extremely effective. Pet Store flea treatments may appear cheaper but they could waste your money as they are not equal in action to these veterinary licensed products.

Below is a summary of the veterinary licensed flea treatments we recommend and prescribe with expert advice to help you to prevent fleas affecting your pet and keep other parasites controlled.

SPOT-ON PREPARATIONS:- Stronghold, Frontline, Promeris or Advocate are available as highly convenient and effective spot-on flea treatments. The contents of one small tube is applied to the back of your pet's neck and lasts for 1 month. **Stronghold** has a double action as an effective roundworm treatment as well as a flea treatment. **Frontline** has the added benefit of also killing ticks. **Advocate** is also long-acting and treats fleas, roundworms and lungworms.

SPRAYS:- Frontline spray is a quiet, pump-action spray available in different sizes. For owners with large numbers of pets **Frontline** spray still represents the most economical, effective method of year round flea control. One application lasts for up to 3 months on dogs and up to 2 months on cats, making **Frontline** the longest lasting flea spray. **Frontline** spray also kills and repels ticks for up to 1 month.

PROGRAM:- Program works by sterilising any fleas on treated pets and is easy for owners to give with food once a month. **Program Plus** tablets for dogs, in addition to thorough flea control, contain an excellent roundworm treatment. For cats there is monthly **Program Oral** for in food, or **Program Injectable** which is given at Barton Lodge and one injection lasts 6 months.

RIP FLEAS HOUSEHOLD SPRAY will speed up the process of getting rid of unwanted visitors. It kills the fleas and immature larvae that can live indoors in your home in the warm environment, and that just might develop to bite you instead of your pet !

Stronghold, Frontline, Promeris, Advocate, and Program Plus are all safe, non-toxic treatments. They are safe for use even on puppies & kittens so you can start to fight the fleas before they start to bite! Barton Lodge staff will be pleased to supply further information and advice on flea control and on any of these products.

Staff News

Senior nurse Judith Sanger will be taking part in the 'Race for Life' in Verulam Park, St Albans on Sunday July 18th to help raise money for Cancer Research UK . We give Judith our very best wishes and think its a great cause that she is supporting. We will be sponsoring Judith and hope that some clients might also like to support Judith's fundraising efforts. If interested please ask at reception where Judith's sponsorship forms will be kept.

Good Luck to Judith!