

CONSULTING TIMES

Monday–Friday

8.00am—12.00 and 2.00pm—7.00pm

Saturday

8.00am — 5.00pm

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A Fresh Start at Barton Lodge

We are delighted to announce the re-opening of our newly refurbished facilities at Barton Lodge Veterinary Centre, 1 Midland Road, Hemel Hempstead. To mark this event we have a new logo and new style signs, but don't worry, we are still the same familiar, friendly team of vets and nurses, family owned and run by veterinary directors Roger and Catherine Wickenden.

We hope you will agree that parking in the new car park layout is easier. The wide, gently sloped entrance to the building is much more helpful with no steps at all and allows easier access to the Barton Lodge building. Our waiting room is more spacious and airy with its new blue theme and its welcoming, panoramic desk from where our friendly receptionists Carol and Diane will greet you on arrival. All areas of the practice are now air-conditioned.

We now have an extra consulting room and all our consulting rooms are newly fitted out with extra features as well as scales inset at floor level that even very large dogs can fit comfortably on to be weighed. Cats and small pets are not left out and have their own accurate, table level scales in each consulting room.

In our brand new operating, dental and treatment rooms there is ultra-modern equipment to facilitate your pet's care. We also have a new diagnostic suite where high tech digital x-ray imaging and ultrasound examinations take place. In our new laboratory all the diagnostic testing is performed on our modern equipment which processes blood samples accurately and very rapidly.

The in-patient facilities now consist of new and entirely separate cat and dog wards. Cats can recover from their procedures and be hospitalised in comfort and peace but remain under the watchful eye of our trained nurses. Dogs have their own comfortable separate kennels with well insulated beds. Both wards have piped oxygen, air conditioning, heating and ventilation to keep each patient's environment at an optimum.

The Barton Lodge Veterinary Team

Roger Wickenden B Vet Med MRCVS

Catherine Wickenden B Vet Med MRCVS

Barton Lodge Veterinary Centre was established in 1958 by Roger Wickenden's father, Peter Wickenden. Roger and his wife Catherine have worked at Barton Lodge since 1982 and are the current owners and senior veterinary surgeons. They qualified at The Royal Veterinary College, University of London, then spent time working in practice followed by two years advanced training at Cornell University, USA. Roger specialises in surgery and orthopaedics and Catherine has special interests in medicine and pet behaviour.

Jose Serrano Ldo Vet MRCVS

Jose has been with us for 10 years now. He qualified in 1993 at the University of Barcelona and after working in other practices around the UK he joined us in 2000. He has a special interest in ophthalmology and has studied an in-depth course. He is also interested in surgery and treatment of exotic pets.

Meritxell Peris LVM MRCVS

Meritxell Peris has been with us for 8 years and also qualified at the University of Barcelona in 1998. She joined us 4 years later in 2002. Since then she has gained a Certificate in General Feline Medicine in 2005 and is interested in all aspects of medicine and in particular in laboratory diagnostics.

Our team of vets have a broad wealth of experience and regularly attend courses in medicine, surgery and behaviour to keep themselves up to date with the latest veterinary treatments.

Staff News

We are pleased to announce that nurse Christina Harn has successfully passed her practical exam and is now a fully qualified veterinary nurse. We warmly congratulate Christina on her achievement. We are proud to have a team which now includes seven qualified and experienced veterinary nurses. They are lead by Head Nurse Nicci Hawes RVN and senior nurses Judith Sanger RVN, Vicki Burton RVN and Kim Bennett RVN. Qualified nurses Carly Miles RVN and Michelle Smart RVN are now joined by Christina HarnVN. Meanwhile second year trainee VN's Joni Milne and Shelley Southern are taking their Part Two exams this Summer and first year trainee Emma Wells will also be sitting her Part One exam. We wish all our trainees good luck and every success in their endeavours.

At the end of May, locum veterinary surgeon Sonja Munz MRCVS will be returning to Barton Lodge to work during the busy summer holiday period. Many clients enjoyed meeting Sonja last year when she worked this same period and covered the maternity leave for vet Meritxell Peris. Sonja enjoyed her time at Barton Lodge and is looking forward to working with us again in our newly modernised and refurbished facilities.