

Barton Lodge VETERINARY CENTRE NEWS

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CONSULTING TIMES

Monday–Saturday

8.45am–12mid, 3–4pm

Monday–Friday

2–8pm

(01442) 216048

PRACTICE SERVICES

- ◆ Prompt Appointments
- ◆ Wide choice of Appointments
- ◆ 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
- ◆ On-site Laboratory tests
- ◆ Surgery and Dentistry
- ◆ Insurance Advice

NURSE CLINICS

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

24 HOUR EMERGENCY
SERVICE
(01442) 216048

September is Arthritis Awareness Month!

Did you know that over 1 million dogs in the UK have Arthritis?

- ◆ Does your dog have difficulty standing up after a period of rest or sleep?
- ◆ Does your dog seem to have 'slowed down' and become less keen to exercise?
- ◆ Does your dog have difficulty jumping up, getting into the car, or climbing stairs?
- ◆ Has your dog been showing signs of lameness?

If you have answered yes to any of these questions your dog could have arthritis and would benefit from a **Free Arthritis Check**. If your dog is diagnosed with arthritis, medication may be required. If we prescribe Rimadyl Palatable Tablets or Metacam during **Canine Arthritis Awareness Month** you could get your first **14 days of treatment free**. Rimadyl is a treatment most dogs enjoy and most will willingly take Rimadyl Palatable Tablets from your hand. Metacam is easily given as drops on food. Rimadyl or Metacam can restore and help maintain your dogs ability to exercise and enjoy walks. Telephone Barton Lodge Veterinary Centre to book an appointment for a **Free Arthritis Check**. Let us help put the spring back into your dog's step!

Staff News



On Friday 7th October our Spanish Veterinary Surgeon Meritxell Peris marries her fiancée, Paul Verschueren in her home city Barcelona. All the staff at Barton Lodge send Meri and Paul congratulations for their special day and good wishes for their future happiness. Meri and Paul will continue to live in Hemel Hempstead.

Following well deserved success in her Level 2 exams Karen Esquilant will be progressing to Level 3 of her Veterinary Nurse Training in September.

Trainee Veterinary Nurses Ashley Harvey and Kimberley Bennett will be starting their Level 2 training course in September

We are pleased that Emma Murray RVN will be extending her temporary post with us and will be a Senior Nurse at Barton Lodge until August 2006. We are sorry however to be saying goodbye to Trainee Veterinary Nurse Emma Henderson. Although she successfully passed her Level 2 exams, Emma has decided to pursue a different career in outdoor sporting activities. We are sorry to lose Emma and send her best wishes for the future.

Nurse Clinics

Nurse appointments are now available over an extended range of times each weekday for the convenience of our clients and to help to keep your pets healthy. Head Nurse Nicci Hawes RVN and Senior Nurses Emma Murray RVN, Jane Mosley RVN and Judith Sanger RVN are happy to advise on a wide range of subjects relating to your pet's health. Our free Puppy and Kitten appointments for new pets are particularly popular and useful to guide you in all aspects of the health, well-being and behaviour of your newest family member. Our nurses also hold regular puppy parties which are great fun and give healthy young puppies a chance to make friends and have a happy introduction to Barton Lodge Veterinary Centre.

For pets over 7 yrs old Nicci, Emma, Judith and Jane offer Senior Health Checks where they can perform simple useful tests to detect early signs of illness. Early prevention can stop problems ever developing for older pets. Weight, teeth and general condition can all be checked and monitored by our nurses. Serious health problems will be referred for an appointment with one of our vets. For further information ask at reception or telephone Barton Lodge Veterinary Centre on 01442 216048.

The Fight Against Fleas continues!

After the warm summer we all feel better but unfortunately the fleas have also enjoyed the weather so there are continued parasite risks going into the Autumn. Fleas and ticks have multiplied and can still infest pets causing skin irritation and distress. **To fight or prevent fleas the best plan is to start effective flea control now and use it year round.** Effective flea treatment must work fast and continue working for a long time. **Frontline, Stronghold, Program and Advocate** are available at Barton Lodge Veterinary Centre, and all meet these criteria. Pet Store flea treatments may appear cheaper but they could waste your money as they are not equal in action to the veterinary licensed products which are more effective. Here is a summary of the veterinary licensed flea treatments we recommend :-

SPOT-ON TREATMENTS:- **Frontline, Stronghold** 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. **Frontline** has the added benefit of also killing ticks and **Stronghold** has a double action as an effective roundworm treatment as well as a flea treatment. **Advocate** also treats fleas and worms.

SPRAYS:- **Frontline** spray is a quiet, pump-action spray available in different sizes. For owners with large numbers of pets **Frontline** spray 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 **Program Injectable** which is given at Barton Lodge and one injection lasts 6 months. **Capstar** is an easy-to-give pill which, used alongside Program acts dramatically within hours to kill any live fleas on your pet.

Frontline, Stronghold, Advocate, Program and **Capstar** are all safe, non-toxic treatments. They are non-organophosphate and safe for use even on puppies & kittens so you can start to fight the fleas before they start to bite!