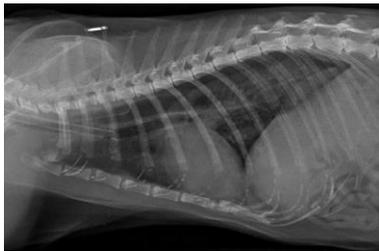




Brand new X-ray machine and ultrasound scanner at Acorn House Vets

Acorn House Vets has invested in brand new X-ray and ultrasound machines, which were installed at the practice at the end of May. The X-ray machine is primarily used to look at the skeleton and chest cavity; whilst the ultrasound machine is excellent for looking at the "soft" body parts such as the liver, spleen, stomach, intestines, bladder and heart. Recent advances in technology mean that the new machines offer amazing image quality and the ability to perform a range of measurements and manipulations to the images after they have been taken. Here are some examples: a cat's chest; a dog's knee (with digital measurements and planning for TPLO surgery for cruciate ligament disease); and Ana, who has a particular interest in scanning, with the new ultrasound machine.



Rabbit awareness week

The first week of June is Rabbit Awareness Week and Acorn House is using this occasion to improve awareness of feeding pet rabbits correctly. Rabbits are designed to eat a lot of fibrous food, and over-feeding of rabbit pellets and muesli can cause significant dental and digestive problems. Vet Sarah Fallow, who is currently studying for a certificate in exotic animal practice, has collected photographs of some of our rabbit patients sitting alongside their daily food ration. This is to demonstrate that rabbits should be fed primarily on hay with a moderate amount of vegetables and herbs and a very small amount of pellets. Here are the lovely Peter and Petal sitting in their boxes of daily food!



CPR

Last month the practice was visited by Ellie West, a specialist veterinary anaesthetist from Davies Veterinary Specialists. Ellie led a superb training session on cardiopulmonary resuscitation, in which all of our vets and nurses were able to rehearse resuscitation techniques on a simulator. Our own vet Jennifer Chebroux (who holds the Postgraduate Certificate in emergency and critical care) and senior nurse Jo Reynolds (who is studying for the ISFM certificate in feline nursing) will now take responsibility for ensuring that the practice continues to rehearse these emergency situations regularly.



Nurse graduation

Last year, our previously student nurses Jess and Naomi completed their training, exams and assessments to be recognised as Registered Veterinary Nurses. Their official graduation ceremony was held this May, at London Zoo. Acorn House is so fortunate to have such a fantastic team of highly trained, skilled and caring veterinary nurses and Jess and Naomi make a tremendous contribution to the outstanding nursing care that our patients receive when they are undergoing major surgery or recovering from illness.



Bailey's journey

Bailey is a 11 month old kitten who was badly injured in a road accident. Bailey had suffered a catastrophic body wall rupture and a hip fracture, and required three major operations, a week in the hospital being fed through a tube, and a period of cage rest at home. We are all so proud of his fighting spirit and his friendly, optimistic nature that has got him through the last month. Here is Katharine with Bailey at his post-operative check.



Dog shows

This month, Acorn House is supporting the Happy Dogs dog show in Clapham on Saturday 8th June; and the dog show at Bletsoe Fete on 15th June. Our lovely customer care advisor, Amanda, will be judging at Happy Dogs; and veterinary surgeon Katharine will be offering free dental checks for dogs at Bletsoe. Come along and say hello!



Opening Hours
Mon-Fri: 8am-8pm;
Sat: 8am-4:30pm;
Sun: Closed
Consultations by appointment

