



Consulting room refurbishment

Thank you to all of our clients who have put up with the disturbance caused by the recent building work at the practice. This work has enabled us to create a much larger nurses consulting room with direct access to the side garden, an updated accessible toilet and new flooring, walls, lighting and work surfaces in all of the consulting rooms. We think that the results make the inconvenience of the work worthwhile and hope our clients do too. There are still a few final touches to be made in the coming weeks, just in case you notice anything still looking a little incomplete!



Why does my cat eat grass?

A team at the University of California have been researching why domestic cats eat grass so often. Although it has traditionally been assumed that cats eat grass to cause vomiting when they are feeling ill; these new studies have shown that over 90% of the time, cats do not actually vomit after eating grass. Instead, it is believed that in the wild, eating grass helps to keep down the numbers of parasitic worms living in the cat's intestine.



Teddy

Poor Teddy was rushed into the hospital because he had got his head stuck in a clay pot! Nurse Jo managed to protect Teddy's neck by squeezing her fingers underneath the pot, whilst vet Sheldon carefully broke the pot so that Teddy could be released. We are not sure that this particular technique was covered extensively at vet school but are very pleased that Teddy has suffered no ill effects from his ordeal.



Blue-green algae

The British Veterinary Association has warned that there is an increase in the number of reports of blue-green algae in the UK this summer. The algae grows in water during particular weather conditions and is usually visible as a green scum on the surface of the water. It can contain toxins that can make animals ill if they swallow them. Dogs tend to swallow the algae if they drink the water or lick their fur after swimming. Symptoms can occur within minutes or hours of ingestion and may include vomiting, diarrhoea, drooling, breathing difficulties, wobbliness or having fits. Let untreated, life-threatening organ damage can occur. When walking near water please keep dogs on leads until you have checked that it is safe for them to enter the water. If dogs appear unwell after swimming, contact the surgery as quickly as possible.



Welcome to Danielle and Lauren

Danielle is a Registered Veterinary Nurse who joined us in July. Along with nurses Laura, Kerry and Sharon, Danielle has been an important part of the team setting up our new "keyhole" surgery unit at Acorn House. This was a type of surgery that Danielle was already familiar with from her previous veterinary practice.

Lauren is a Veterinary Surgeon who joins us from Cambridge University this September. She is a keen runner and is looking forward to meeting all of our lovely clients and their pets. Lauren has a particular interest in neurology.



Congratulations to Ellie

At the end of August our student nurse Ellie married her partner Marc, and Ellie is now away enjoying a relaxing honeymoon. We all wish them the best for their future together.

