



## Spring Newsletter 2017

Welcome to our 1st edition of the **Paws Colchester Veterinary Centre** Newsletter. We hope that you all had a wonderful Christmas and that 2017 is going to be a great year.

### What has been going on in the practice?

We are delighted to have been nominated for the petplan **Practice of the Year Award** and cannot wait to see if we are a winner! We would like to say a huge Thank you to all of our clients who have nominated or voted for us. We really appreciate it.

We have been very busy here at Paws and would like to share with you two of our recent cases.

Ted is a gorgeous Labrador who was unfortunately hit by a car over the Christmas period and left with deep wounds affecting most of the right front leg. Aimee has been seeing Ted twice a week to treat the wounds and change the dressings. Initially we thought Ted may require skin grafts as the wounds were so severe but we are pleased to say that the wounds are healing well. Look out for Ted's story on our Facebook page. Ted is an absolute pleasure to treat and we all love him very much. The nurses have been decorating his bandages with different designs at each dressing change, in an attempt to keep both Ted and his owner's spirits up during a stressful time of healing.

Tita is a beautiful Sphynx cat who broke her front leg at beginning of the year. Maryanne was able to quickly perform a fracture repair, involving a metal plate and some screws and Tita has not looked back since the operation. We have been delighted to monitor her progress and continue to wish her a speedy recovery.





## Health warnings to keep your pets safe

We would like to urge all our clients to make sure their pets are fully up to date with their vaccinations. Dogs and Cats require **annual vaccinations**.

There has recently been an **outbreak of Parvovirus** in the Colchester and Clacton areas. Parvovirus is a nasty virus that causes horrendous vomiting and bloody diarrhoea, which often leads to pain, dehydration and death. This virus can be prevented by vaccination, it is spread in dog faeces and therefore spreads quickly to unvaccinated animals.

**We have decided to offer any of our existing clients whose dogs' vaccinations have lapsed the option to restart their vaccinations for the price of an annual booster, saving over £10!**

Please remember that **chocolate is poisonous to dogs** and great care must be taken over the Easter period to ensure your doggy does not consume any!! Raisins often found in hot cross buns are also potentially toxic to dogs and can cause renal failure. Please contact us immediately if your dog has consumed any chocolate or raisins. We hope you and your canine companions have a Happy but safe Easter.



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## A Polite Notice

We wanted to take this opportunity to clarify that we are a small independent veterinary practice and we are not affiliated with any other veterinary practices and are no longer part of Assisi Veterinary Group. Paws Colchester Veterinary Centre has now been open for nearly two years but we have noticed some confusion amongst our clients. Our out of hour's service provider is Vets Now, based in Highwoods in Colchester.

## Latest News

As a practice we have been deeply saddened by the number of people that experience behavioural problems with their dogs and cats. These problems can easily be prevented and can be managed if advice is sort early on. Unfortunately if left untreated some of these problems can manifest as fear or aggression and the trend with these cases is for the owners to become so frustrated. This often results in them requesting euthanasia of their pet if they are unable to get a rescue to take their pet on. We are keen to try to prevent these situations from occurring by introducing **new puppy clinics** that are monthly up until 6 months of age. We will discuss socialisation, basic training and desensitisation where problems exist. We aim to help you to teach your puppy to be a well balanced individual and hopefully reduce the risk of behavioural problems in the future.



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We are offering a  
**£5 Discount**

to all our clients that are in **the Military** off of  
standard first consultations,  
in recognition of their services.

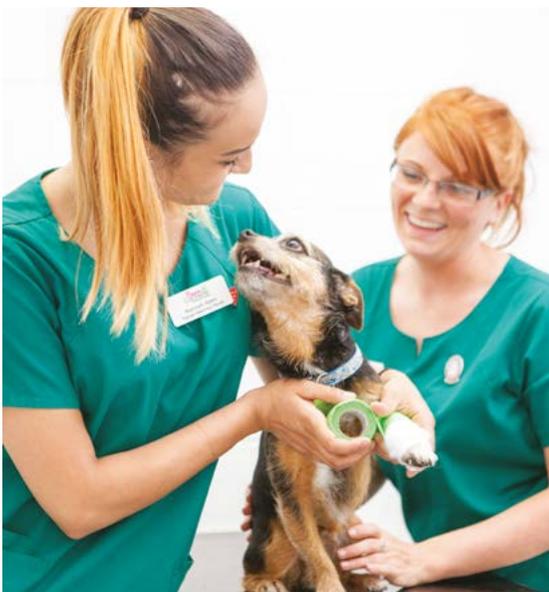
We are offering a  
**Free Consultation**

in order to celebrate our **2 year anniversary** at  
Paws-on presentation of a voucher that will be  
distributed in the local paper.

Please look out for our next newsletter later on in the year!

Best wishes from the team at  
**Paws Colchester Veterinary Centre**

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**Opening Hours**

Mon: 8.30 am to 7.00 pm  
Tue: 8.30 am to 6:00 pm  
Wed: 8.30 am to 6.00 pm  
Thu: 8.30 am to 7.00 pm  
Fri: 8.30 am to 6.00 pm  
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