



Summer Newsletter 2017

Hello and Welcome to our second edition of our quarterly newsletter from everyone at Paws Colchester Veterinary Centre.

Practice Makeover

As usual we have been busy at the Practice. We recently gave our reception area a makeover, thank you to the clients that have completed feedback forms on the appearance of reception. We appreciate all of your comments.

Congratulations Aimee, Welcome Roy!



One of our Vets Aimee, went on Maternity leave at the end of April, we are delighted to announce the birth of baby Jack on the 14/05/17 weighing 7lb 1oz. We look forward to welcoming Aimee back to Paws in the winter.

Whilst Aimee is away we are delighted to introduce our Locum vet Roy Wakefield BVSc MRCVS who is originally from Zimbabwe and studied Veterinary Science at the University of Pretoria (Onderstepoort) in neighbouring South Africa, completing his degree in 2013. Roy is very much looking forward to meeting you all over the next few months.





Keep Safe In The Summer

We hope you and your pets are enjoying the warmer weather but please take note of our warnings and suggestions to help keep your pets safer in the summer.

As the warmer weather approaches we are starting to see some of our patients back with itchy skin!! This may be caused by allergies but we would always advise the use of monthly flea treatment as these little parasites are responsible for causing a lot of skin irritations.

It is also important to protect your pet from Ticks. Ticks are blood sucking parasites that can carry serious diseases; last Summer we saw the first reports of a disease called Babesiosis in dogs near Harlow in Essex. This condition can cause a fatal anaemia unless diagnosed and treated promptly.

Please feel free to pop into the surgery to discuss treatment options for your pet.

Warmer weather brings mosquitoes that transmit myxomatosis which affects bunnies. This is a fatal virus that causes great suffering to our furry little friends. We strongly advise annual vaccination against Myxomatosis and would urge you to get your pet vaccinated as soon as possible. We can also vaccinate bunnies against Viral Haemorrhagic Disease. It is also important to ensure that you take preventative measures to avoid your bunny suffering from fly strike in the warmer weather. Please keep your bunnies bottom clean and free from faeces at all times, and also consider using a product like Rearguard to prevent fly strike. Fly strike is a condition where flies lay eggs that hatch into maggots and eat away at your bunny's skin. This is a condition that can develop very quickly which is why it is important to check your bunnies bottom daily and keep the cage clean and free from urine and faeces.

We cannot stress enough how important it is to avoid exercising your dog during the hottest parts of the day. Fresh water should always be available for your pet to drink and we would never advise leaving your dog in a car during the hot weather. It only takes minutes for a closed car to behave like an oven. Heat stroke is a serious and fatal condition that can affect any animal, but we see it more commonly in brachycephalic dogs for example French Bulldogs, Staffordshire Bull Terriers and English Bull Dogs who have narrow airways and short stumpy noses. Please remember DOGS DIE IN HOT CARS!

If you have a cat or dog with a white nose or white ear tips, we do suggest protecting them from sun burn. A high factor childrens suncream preferably for sensitive skin can be applied daily to these areas of skin to protect them and help prevent skin cancers in the future!

A Worthy Cause



We have been fortunate enough here at Paws to work closely with two local small animal rescues. Poppy's Place is a small independent cat rescue and Paws Crossed is also a small local dog rescue. Both charities have been a great support to us when we need help rehabilitating or rescuing dogs and cats.

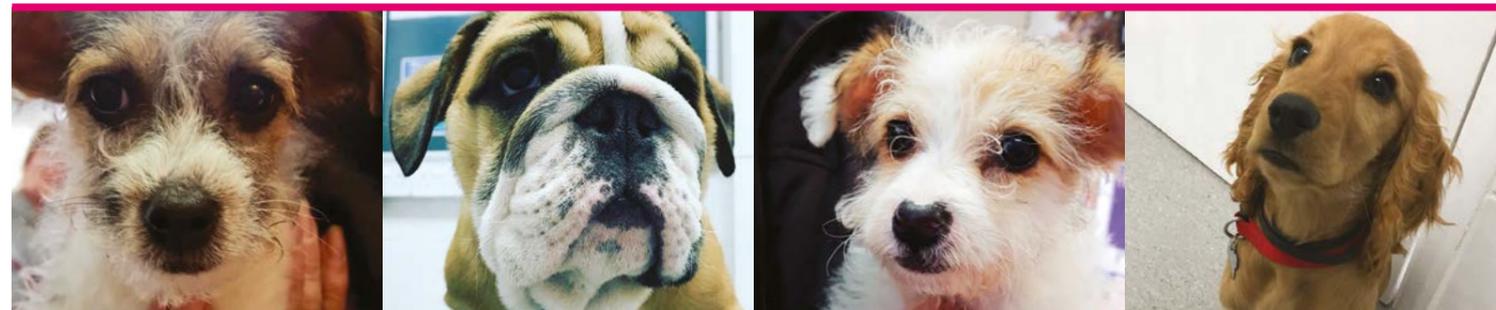


Most of the cases we see are animals that owners cannot afford to treat or have requested euthanasia as a result of a behavioural problem that can be retrained. Whilst every situation is treated on an individual basis, we always try where possible to avoid euthanasia as an outcome. If you would like to donate to either of the charities above, please feel free to pop into the practice where we have donation pots waiting to be filled!

Puppy Clinic

Our puppy nurse clinics have been going brilliantly and we are delighted with the uptake and dedication from our clients! Here are some photos of the cuties from our clinics!

Please remember that our nurses also offer weight clinics, claw clips, microchipping and anal gland expression.



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.

Recent Cases



Lastly we would like to share with you one of our recent cases.....Zeus a one year and three month old male Sphinx cat was treated at Paws suffering from vomiting and inappetence having swallowed part of a rubber toy. This was identified on an X-ray and removed surgically from the small intestine in our state of the art theatre. Zeus has recovered well from the procedure, he is a very affectionate boy and loved by everyone who cared for him.

Best wishes from the team at

Paws 
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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
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