



Forest Lodge Veterinary Practice

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PRACTICE**

SMALL ANIMAL PRACTICE

Our Surgeries

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Emergencies

Out of normal hours:

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Surgery Hours

9:00–6:30pm Mon-Fri

9:00-5 pm Sat (NM)

9:00-1pm (Lym)

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Summer Newsletter

Our old Pet Health Plan has been superseded by our new improved Pet Health Club. With many new benefits this is a very cost effective way of paying for all your routine preventative healthcare for your dogs, cats and rabbits, by convenient direct debit or even in a yearly lump sum.

What's covered:

~Vaccination course / booster.

~Kennel Cough vaccine.

~Second Health check 6 months after your booster.

~All year round Flea and Worm Treatment.

~Rearguard for Rabbits.

~Cost price non-prescription food (Royal Canin & Hills).

~Microchip or £15 voucher towards waiting room sales if already chipped.

~Nail clipping twice a year.

~Annual Urine Test.

~50% off Retail Cost of your First Bag of Food when joining the plan.

~25% off Prescription Food.

~10% off Dentistry and Pet Passports.

~10% off Pet Shop Sales and Geriatric Screenings.

~20% off Selected Lifetime Care Medications.

~20% off Neutering.

Plus, any additional pets pay £1 less per month.

Its easy to sign up, all we need is a form filled in which is available in either reception and you can choose whether you pay the yearly amount in full or by direct debit, with 3 months payable at the start of the plan and a payment break at the end of the year. Then you can enjoy the benefits of being in the club immediately! We also have a Platinum Plan for an extra £2.50 a month with extra benefits of an Annual Wellness Blood Test, Dry Eye Test and £25 off Dental voucher, ideal for more senior pets!

**Pet Health
Club**

New Micro chipping Laws

As of 6th April 2016 all dogs in the UK have to be microchipped and registered to an approved database by the time they are 8 weeks old. This does not replace the existing Control of Dogs Act of 1992 which states that all dogs in a public place must wear an identification tag containing the owners Surname and Address, (telephone numbers are optional but highly recommended). Failure to comply with both of these requirements could result in a hefty fine if your dog is found wandering. It is also extremely important to update your details on the database if you move or the dog is rehomed so that you can be contacted immediately should someone find your dog. Although not law we strongly recommend microchipping outdoor cats so we can contact you if they are brought in to the surgery should they get injured or wander.



Kennel Cough

Kennel cough is a highly infectious cough which causes a nasty hacking cough, often ending in retching and can also cause breathlessness, a high temperature, lethargy and anorexia. Unlike the name suggests it can be caught in many places, not just boarding kennels; wherever dogs meet such as training classes and busy dog walking areas and we are seeing a high volume of cases at the moment. Although not normally a problem for most fit dogs, it can have disastrous consequences in very young, very old or sick dogs. If your dog has been in contact with a coughing dog or is coughing themselves it is important to avoid walking your dog in areas where other dogs have access to avoid transmitting the disease. They can carry the disease even if they don't show signs themselves.

There is a vaccination which is given up the nose which protects against some strains of KC and most boarding kennels and some dog sitters require it before looking after your dog.

PHOTO OF THE MONTH COMPETITION

Don't forget to keep
sending your photos to:
Lymsurg@forestlodgevets.com
for a chance to appear on
our website & Facebook





TIME FOR TICKS



Good Weather brings an increase in the tick population which can be troublesome in the New Forest. Ticks carry Lyme Disease (as well as other diseases) which they pass from host to host as they feed. A recent new story regarding a new tick disease usually only found in mainland Europe has caused alarm, although currently the disease *Babesiosis* has only been seen in 3 dogs in Essex. Symptoms of the disease include lethargy, a lack of appetite, fever, anaemia, pale gums, enlarged abdomen, weight loss, jaundice and can be fatal.

Although not currently found in this area we still strongly advise tick protection for your pet. Treatments include spot on liquids, collars that last 6-8 months or palatable tablets that last 3 months so there is a product to suit different requirements and budgets. Our nurses will be happy to advise on the best product for your situation. If you find a tick on your pet it is important to remove them whole without leaving the mouthparts in the skin. Avoid smothering the tick as this can make them regurgitate their contents back into the animal making them more likely to contract disease, a tick removing tool usually works very well.



STAFF NEWS

We have had a few staff changes this year, Di our New Milton Receptionist has retired after 10 happy years of Service. We extend a warm welcome to Debbie who has joined our reception team. Sadly Adrienne Page has moved on to pastures new and we wish her well in her new job. We also welcome Jose Labrador (see below) and Mehul Magudia who have joined our team of Veterinary Surgeons.

We have two new qualified Veterinary Nurses join our New Milton Nursing team; Jo Smith and Kaylee Tuttiert. Jo has returned to us after a few years working at Anderson Moores and the PDSA. We would also like to congratulate Jo on completing the London Marathon earlier this year!

October saw us say a sad farewell to Mr and Mrs Wilson who have retired from running the practice (see below) and we wish them well and am sure they will enjoy all their new exciting ventures they have planned with their new found free time! Mr Wilson is still around, consulting at Lymington two mornings a week.

**FOCUS ON STAFF
JOSE LABRADOR MRCVS**

Jose graduated from the University of Cordoba in Spain in 2014. Shortly after graduating, he spent 3 months volunteering at an animal shelter in Spain, where he took part in surgical sterilisation programme. Jose then moved to the UK in December 2014 to perform a 3 months externship at Southern Counties Referral Practice as part of a European exchange programme. After completing his externship he was offered an intern veterinary surgeon position at this practice, where he rotated through the different services during a further 12 months.

Finally he joined Forest Lodge Vets in January 2016. His main interests in small animal practice are surgery and diagnostic imaging.

As a dog behaviour enthusiast he has also taken part in professional dog trainer and detection dog handler courses in Spain.



HAPPY RETIREMENT MR AND MRS WILSON

Roger & Jenny Wilson are shown accepting a gift from the staff at Forest Lodge Veterinary Practice, to mark their retirement from running the practice for 31 years. The practice has now joined Independent Vetcare Ltd, a company that will allow and encourage the practice to continue working as a local Veterinary Practice, with the same staff, and the same ethos of providing a caring service for clients and their pets alike.

The new Clinical Directors, as you can see, are in fact old familiar faces, Janine Redman, Aidan Borrill and Sandra Tyler - who have taken over the reins from the Wilsons. Roger will still be providing his clinical expertise, and will be consulting at the Lymington Surgery two mornings a week.

