

ARMSTRONG MOBILE VETS

NEWSLETTER SPRING 2019



Welcome to our Spring newsletter, written in a beautifully warm March. My name is Amanda Browne, and this is my first newsletter in my role as Practice Manager.

I would like to congratulate Richard on successful completion of his Post Graduate Certificate in Small Animal Medicine, thereby improving the diagnostic and investigative skills of the practice and the medical management of our unwell patients.

Emily is leaving us to seek new challenges; we wish her well on her onward journey and will very much miss her. Ernest, Richard and our regular part time vet Tania are all still here and will be assisted by some temporary locums while we recruit a permanent replacement for Emily.

We have welcomed new Receptionists Helen and Lesley and a new Nursing Assistant Jenny who have all settled in very well. Sophie is our temporary qualified Veterinary Nurse, helping us over the next few months. As your new Practice Manager, I am available Monday to Friday 8.00am – 4.00pm if you would like to speak to me.

PRIVACY & GDPR

Our Privacy Policy is available to view on our website and we comply with the GDPR regulations. Please contact us should you wish to change any aspect of how we contact you. We send our newsletters to keep you up to date with our service but please do contact us if you do not wish to receive them.

RABBIT VACCINE (VIRAL HAEMORRAGIC DISEASE)

We now have access to a vaccine against the new strain of VHD known as VHD2, this is an often-lethal disease in rabbits that is not covered by our existing VHD1 vaccine.

We would recommend that rabbits are vaccinated against both VHD1 and VHD2. Please call the practice for further details.



BREXIT & PETS PASSPORTS

There is no firm update on what changes will come into effect after the UK exit the EU; speculative information suggests the possible requirement for blood tests before travel. Please see our website for further details.

PRESCRIPTIONS



Just a reminder that for some prescriptions your pet needs to have regular check ups to monitor your pets health and the effect of long term medication. This is a legal requirement and we need to see your pet periodically through the year.

To avoid unnecessary extra appointments and cost for you, if you are seeing one of our vets for any reason please ask them to review and update your prescription notes on our records while they are there.

ALTERNATIVE TO CASTRATION FOR DOGS

A reminder that there has been available an injectable implant which produces the same effect as castration and which wears off after 6 or 12 months. This can be used as a one off to 'try' to see how your male dog is after 'temporary' castration or to use as a regular ongoing alternative. Please call the practice for more details.

NEW HELP FOR ARTHRITIS IN DOGS

A new type of anti inflammatory pain relief is soon to be available for dogs. This is an exciting new development in our management of arthritic dogs especially those who have not been able to take/tolerate traditional non steroidal painkillers. Please contact the practice if you think your dog may be a suitable candidate.

SOCIAL MEDIA

We are posting more on Facebook and Twitter so please "like" our pages to receive instant updates and to hear about what's been happening in the Practice!



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