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**Welcome to the Spring Newsletter from
Stanhope Veterinary Centre.**

We have a few changes to the staff this year.

At the end of December 2016 we said goodbye to our Vet Karen Snyman, she has moved to head a practice in Essex.
Hilde has slightly changed her role from Practice Manager in January to our new Veterinary Surgeon.

We say goodbye to one of our Nurses Andrea Tolhurst

We welcome Katrina and Sophie to our nursing team

We have no news on Head Nurse Kyra's new arrival yet but will keep everyone updated!

Also coming soon is our new look website

EASTER OPENING TIMES



Thursday 13/04/17 8am-7pm
Good Friday 14/04/17 CLOSED
Easter Sat 15/04/17 8am to 12pm
(Emergencies Only)
Easter Sunday 16/04/17 CLOSED
Easter Monday 17/04/17 CLOSED
Tuesday 18/04/17 8am-7pm



Current Offers

Kitten Package

£59.99

Inc.

Course of Vaccinations

I.D Chip

Worming Tablet

1st Flea treatment

£5 off neutering

5 Weeks free insurance

Full clinical

examination

Puppy Package

£49.99

Inc.

Course of Vaccinations

Worming tablet

1st Flea treatment

£10 off neutering

5 Weeks free insurance

Full clinical

examination



Re-start Vaccinations

£59.99

I.D Chip

£14.99



COMMON DANGERS

There are many flowers and plants that can be dangerous for dogs and cats, the Dogs Trust have a generous list available on; www.dogstrust.org.uk/help-advice/.../factsheetpoisonoussubstances09.pdf

The Cats Protection also has a Cat's List available on; www.cats.org.uk > Home > Feature pages > Plants Poisonous to Cats

Human foods can also cause serious problems, such as;



GRAPES and RAISINS



Grape/Raisin toxicity can cause severe Kidney damage leading to Acute Kidney failure with a lack of Urine production. Any product that includes these items are toxic to your pet.

Symptoms can be any of the following;

Vomiting &/ Diarrhea, Lethargy/quietness, Tummy pain, Not drinking, Passing small amounts of Urine/ none at all, Foul breath, Mouth ulcers, Tremors, Seizures & a Coma.



CHOCOLATE



Chocolate comes from the roasted seeds of Theobroma Cacao, these have certain properties that are toxic to our pets.

Caffeine and Theobromine are the two ingredients, if eaten, can lead to many complications and could prove fatal.

Symptoms to look out for include;

Vomiting &/ Diarrhea, Increased body temperature, Increased reflex responses, rapid breathing, Increased heart rate, low blood pressure, Muscle rigidity, heart failure, coma and death.



MOULDY FOOD



Eating moldy food can put pets at risk of toxicity due to tremorgenic mycotoxins, these are found in moldy food.

Symptoms to look out for include;

Vomiting, Agitation, Walking drunk, Tremors, Seizures & Severe secondary hyperthermia

With any potential poisoning contact your Vets as soon as possible, any delay can be fatal!

Charity corner



If you have any unwanted clothes, we collect for the BLUE CROSS, please collect a plastic bag from reception.

Medway Hedgehog Rescue



&

Mike Hearn Wildlife rescue



We help the local hedgehog rescue and Mike the local wildlife rescue.

We have books in reception 50p each

Helping cover costs for their ongoing care and treatment

The Management and all the staff would like to wish all our clients a Very Happy Easter 2017



FLEA CONTROL

There are more than 2,000 varieties of fleas in the world

Fleas do not fly; they jump as high as eight inches and as far as 12 inches horizontally. So it's easy for fleas to get on dogs and cats... even on trousers, shoes and blankets.

Fleas can live for about 100 days, but only about a week of this is spent as an adult. In fact, 95 percent of a flea's life is spent in its other life stages – from egg to larvae, then pupae or immature flea. That's why an infestation can last much longer than 100 days, as fleas may exist in different stages – waiting to make a meal out of your pet.

Flea life cycle

Stage 1: The Eggs. An adult female flea can lay up to 50 eggs per day and several hundred eggs in a lifetime. The eggs are not sticky and they are very small. So they quickly fall off your pet and into your carpet, furniture, pet's bed and yard. They hatch from two to 21 days after they are laid. Then the real problems begin.

Stage 2: The Larvae. The eggs develop wherever they land and hatch into larvae and live among the dark places in your home and outside. They feast on flea dirt (flea feces) that contain digested blood from your pet – and other organic matter like shed skin cells, hair and feathers. Larvae are almost invisible and settle deep into carpets and furniture. Even vacuuming won't remove them all.

Stage 3: The Immature Flea. Immature fleas, or pupae, spend about eight to nine days in their cocoon, growing and waiting to emerge. But they can survive much longer than that, up to several months, waiting until they detect heat, movement and carbon dioxide that lets them know it is time to emerge from their cocoons...to bite your pet and wreak havoc in your home!

Stage 4: The Adult Flea. Adult fleas like warm, humid places and stay on the same host pet their entire lives. This is the most annoying stage because adult fleas bite, feeding on the blood of your pet. When they do, it results in the telltale symptoms of scratching, biting and skin irritation. As they feed, female fleas lay eggs and the life cycle starts over again.



The best way to prevent fleas is to:

Think of fleas all year round. Use a good product on your pet and use it every month, no stopping. Treat the environment, If fleas have no place to breed the cycle can be broken. There are many good products on the market, we promote Indorex household spray and Advocate spot on treatment which protects against fleas and worms (fleas can carry tapeworm) and we also promote Milbemax to cover the tapeworm. It is worth noting most pets that have fleas usually have worms, so treating your pet regularly, will control these common ailments.

5% of the amount of fleas in a home lives on the pet, with 95% living in the home on furniture and carpets! Vacuuming regularly can be the 1st line of defense in treating your home as the vibrations wake everything up. The next thing to do is to treat the waking pests and then vacuum again after the treatment.