



# NEWSLETTER

## June 2015

### PRACTICE STAFF

#### VETERINARY SURGEON:

Yahav Ravid Morano

#### VETERINARY NURSE:

Jacky Buttle

#### NURSING ASSISTANT:

Robert Baker

#### STUDENT NURSE:

Susannah Peel

PRACTICE PETS: Maxwell the cat and Phoebe the dog (Jacky's dog!)

### OPENING HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 9am to 7pm with consulting hours 9am to 11am and 4pm to 7pm

Wednesday 9 to 11am

Saturday 1pm – 4pm

**FOR OUR 24 HOUR DEDICATED EMERGENCY SERVICE CALL MANDEVILLE VETERINARY HOSPITAL ON: 020 8845 5677**

### PROACTIVE PETS

**SAVE 30% ON YOUR VACCINATION AND MAKE HUGE SAVINGS ON FLEA AND WORM CONTROL!**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, ASK AT RECEPTION OR ASK YOUR VET!**

**WE ALWAYS WELCOME FEEDBACK ABOUT THE SERVICE PROVIDED, AND WOULD ASK OUR CLIENTS TO TAKE A MINUTE TO LEAVE A COMMENT ON OUR WEBSITE!**

**[www.goddardvetgroup.co.uk/wembley](http://www.goddardvetgroup.co.uk/wembley)**

**THANK YOU**

### **HAS YOUR PET HAD SURGERY OR AN ILLNESS RECENTLY?**

If so, please send us a photo of your pet and we will write a short story in our newsletter.

Email to:

[wembley@goddardvetgroup.co.uk](mailto:wembley@goddardvetgroup.co.uk)

**We would love to feature your pet!**

### **JUNE CONTINUES WITH SENIOR PET MONTH!!**



SEE OVER FOR DETAILS OF HOW TO CARE FOR YOUR OLDER PET!

You can also book your older pet for a free nurse check during June on a Tuesday, Thursday or Friday.

### **FUN AND ACTIVITY AFTERNOON FOR DOGS AND THEIR OWNERS!**

In our March issue, we featured Cherry's party. This was so successful that the owner is planning to run them on a regular basis.

The next party is scheduled for:

**20<sup>th</sup> June 2015**

**3pm to 5pm**

**£7 per owner and dog and a donation for any extra adults.**

Places limited, but if you cannot attend this one, you could put your name down for the next by calling: Miss Rosario Silva on 07956596575

Games, prizes, beverages and nibbles plus the chance for you to meet like minded dog lovers and for your dog to socialise and have fun!

## CARING FOR YOUR OLDER PET

The earlier an older age condition is detected, the better for your pet so it is important to notice any changes in your pet's condition or behaviour. Some important changes to note are:

- Increased thirst.
- Increased appetite.
- Reduced appetite or difficulty chewing and eating.
- Lethargy or reluctance to exercise.
- Lameness after rest or after exercise.
- Difficulty jumping or going up stairs.
- Diarrhoea or Vomiting.
- Increased respiration or panting.
- Increased vocalisation or crying out.
- Weight loss.
- Any unusual lumps, bumps, or swellings.
- Smelly breath.
- Any change in temperament.

If you notice any of these or any other changes, it is important to let your vet know.

## VACCINATION

Some clients mistakenly believe that older pets do not need vaccinating. Apart from the fact that they can still become infected with the diseases against which we vaccinate, it is an excellent opportunity for your pet to undergo a full health check and for you to tell your vet of any changes or concerns. Also, some of the diseases

against which we vaccinate will affect an older animal more than a young healthy animal.

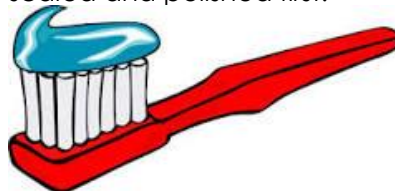
## FEEDING YOUR OLDER PET



Older dogs and cat should be fed on a diet formulated for senior pets. It will contain reduced protein and increased vitamins and may also have some joint support. We usually recommend Hills Vet Essentials or science plan. There are also some other good quality foods, but it is important that the food is specifically formulated for an older animal.

## YOUR OLDER PET'S TEETH

Dental disease is very common in the older pet. Brushing the teeth can sometimes help to prevent the build-up of plaque and tartar, but it may be necessary to have them scaled and polished first.



There are also foods which help to remove or reduce the tartar, but again they work best on a clean mouth!

## EXERCISE FOR THE OLDER DOG

Older dogs still need to be exercised, but may be better to have a couple of shorter walks each day rather than a long walk.



They may not be able to run and jump quite as well as they did, but it provides mental stimulation as well as physical wellbeing.

## YOUR OLDER PET'S WEIGHT!

It is very important to monitor your pet's weight. Weight loss is something which may need Veterinary attention, but obesity is also a killer!! Any excess weight will put increased strain on the heart and legs and increases the prevalence of certain diseases such as diabetes.

A regular weight check is advisable so that any changes can be addressed before they affect the health of your pet. A weight check with the nurse is also free of charge! The nurse can also do a general health check and advise whether the pet would benefit from a Vet health check or any further checks.

**WE CANNOT CURE OLD AGE,  
BUT WE CAN HELP!**