



NEWSLETTER

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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

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

THANK YOU

TICKS AND BABESIA



You may have seen in the news about babesia, a tick borne disease which has been seen in parts of Essex. We have not seen it in this area yet and ticks are not very common, but if you are concerned, you can order a tick collar which can be used with the spot on flea and lungworm products and lasts for up to 8 months. There are leaflets in the waiting room explaining all about this disease, so please ask at Reception if you would like more information or would like to order a collar.

THIS MONTH'S STAR OF THE SHOW IS: 'LINCOLN'



Lincoln is a Siberian Cat and this breed is originally from Russia, and was recognised here in the late 80's. They are large cats with a broad chest and huge paws! They have a long top coat and soft undercoat, so need much grooming! Siberian cats come in a variety of colours and Lincoln is a tabby. They are generally very energetic and fun loving cats who need much attention. Lincoln is an indoor cat but loves to go for walks in the garden on a lead.

We are looking for more pet pictures to feature in our newsletters. Could your pet be the next star?

We are looking for any picture regardless of whether it is a pedigree or cross breed and would also love to feature a rabbit, guineapig or other species!

Email to:

wembley@goddardvetgroup.co.uk

JUNE IS RABBIT MONTH AND WE ARE OFFERING A FREE NURSE RABBIT HEALTH CHECK. ASK AT RECEPTION AND TELL YOUR FRIENDS!

SEE OVER FOR DETAILS OF RABBIT CARE

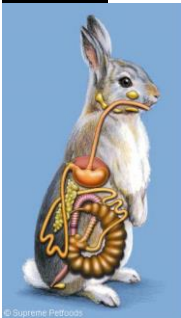
RABBIT CARE

Rabbits are a popular pet, and it is very important to know and understand their very specific needs if you are considering having one.

Housing- rabbits must be allowed to run and jump. They need a large cage and a rabbit run in the garden. It must be fox proof and have a bed area which is covered and shady. They can also live as house rabbits and run free, but should still have access to the garden. The cage should be cleaned out each day.



Feeding-



A rabbit's diet should consist of 85% hay and grass or herbs. They are fibrevores and need the fibre in order for their gut to function and maintain health. If fed on muesli type diets, they tend to pick out the bits they like and leave the bits they need! There are concentrated pellet diets which are fine, but they do still need hay and grass because this is thought to be better for chewing, which is important for dental health.

Rabbits have a double digestive process. The food goes through the gut quickly and is passed as soft mucousy pellets known as caecotrophs, which are eaten. The second passing should be a smaller hard spherical pellet.



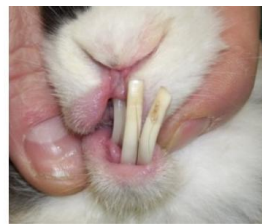
Normal caecotrophs



Normal rabbit droppings

As with all animals, it is extremely important that rabbits have access to fresh, clean drinking water at all times.

Dental Health- Rabbit's teeth are growing continuously and are worn down by the chewing action. If they do not chew sufficiently, serious dental problems can result.



As well as the incisor teeth at the front, rabbits also have a set premolars and molars which are not visible and should be checked by your vet regularly.

Weight Control – Obesity is very common in rabbits, often due to lack of exercise and poor diet. You should have your rabbit weighed regularly and

address weight gain before it becomes a problem.

THE IMPORTANCE OF VACCINATION



Rabbits are vaccinated against myxomatosis and haemorrhagic viral disease. Whilst these diseases tend to be more prevalent in rural areas, we recently saw a rabbit with suspected myxomatosis. These are nasty diseases and are usually fatal.



Vaccination is also an excellent opportunity for a general health check, dental check and weight check for your rabbit.

NEUTERING

We would advise neutering. Female rabbits have a high incidence of ovarian and uterine problems and can be aggressive when in season. Male rabbits tend to make better behaved pets when neutered. Rabbits are also quite companionable and this enables you to have a pair without ending up with dozens (rabbits being quite prolific)!!

Insurance- recommended to cover medical and surgical emergencies which can be expensive!