



# TREMAIN VETERINARY GROUP



## Winter Newsletter 2011

### Staff news

We are pleased to welcome locum vet Leona Shanahan to the team to cover Jane's maternity leave. She will be with us until May 2012.

### Christmas

As the festive season approaches it is time to remind ourselves of some simple precautions to safeguard our pets at this time.

There will be extra food about which may tempt some dogs to steal a tasty snack.



Be extra careful to keep the turkey and all trimmings well out of reach. Not only may the bones cause problems but also foil and other wrapping may cause a blockage. Eating too many scraps could set off a nasty bout of vomiting and diarrhoea. If this does happen starve your dog for 24 hours and feed small light meals of chicken and rice while it settles.

Beware of **Christmas pudding, mince pies** and **Christmas cake**-all of these contain raisins which can cause kidney problems in dogs.



Also **chocolate** is very poisonous so never leave dogs alone with boxes of chocolates in reach.

Cable chewing (e.g. Christmas lights, mobile phone chargers etc), can cause nasty mouth burns in puppies, kittens and rabbits, or could even be fatal so never leave animals unattended with a Christmas tree, or other tempting wires.

**Tinsel** is very attractive to puppies and kittens and can cause obstruction if swallowed.

### Antifreeze

Antifreeze is very toxic to animals, especially to cats where it can cause fatal renal disease – over 80% of cats will die after ingesting it, so when you put antifreeze into your car be extra careful not to spill any.



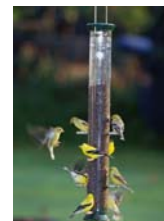
Cats will lap at pools of liquid. e.g. whilst sheltering under warm cars, so this can be a real hazard at this time of year.

### Hypothermia

Now that the winter frosts have started it is time to check that all outside hutches for rabbits, guinea pigs etc are either moved to a sheltered spot or have extra insulation protecting them. Check water bottles twice daily for signs of freezing.

### Wild Birds

Make sure bird baths are kept topped up in cold weather for the wild birds, and also the nut and seed containers.



Keep these well out of the way of cats, and if your cat is a hunter, put a bell around its neck to warn our feathered friends a predator is about.

## Dental Discounts

During January we will once again be offering a **15% discount** on dental treatment for cats & dogs. Dental disease is extremely common



causing halitosis (smelly breath) and oral pain.

Because it is often a slow process, owners do not realise that their pets were in discomfort until after the procedure when they report that their animal has a new lease of life.

## Repeat Prescriptions

If you need a repeat prescription please give us 24 hours notice. All medicines need to be checked by a vet before they can be given out. This includes worming and flea treatments.

## Christmas and New Year opening Hours

We will be closed on the Bank Holidays, Monday 26 and Tuesday 27 December and Monday 2 January 2012. We are open as normal on Saturday 24 December, 9-1 pm and Saturday 31 December, 9-1 pm. When we are closed our out of hours service will be operating normally.



Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from us all.

## Feed a stray

We will be donating any unwanted food to charity to help animals over the festive period. This year's charities are Fourpaws Cat Rescue and Prickly Tales Hedgehog rescue. Any donations will be gratefully received

## Nurse Clinics

We have four qualified veterinary nurses who run nurse clinics most weekdays at our Witney surgery. They are available for the following:

### Clinics

- Weight/Diet Advice
- Health Checks
  - 6 month
  - Senior
- Dental Advice
- Noise Phobia Advice
- Rabbit Husbandry
- Puppy Parties

### Other Procedures

- Administration of medication, flea and worming treatments
- Microchipping
- Nail Clipping
- Post Operative Checks & Stitch Removals
- Anal Gland Evacuation

### Staff

**Directors:** Michelle Darboe BVSc GP Cert (SAP) MRCVS, Jane Baily BVSc MRCVS

**Associates:** Graham Tremain MA VetMB MRCVS, Mandy Fyson BA VetMB MRCVS

**Nurses:** Helen Cox RVN EVN, Rachael Morgan RVN, Katie Jones RVN, Sarah Allen RVN, Yvonne Jones RVN, Charlotte Tremain VN

**Reception:** Shirley Gamage, Katrina Croxton, Leena Hyatt, Claire Merry

Office Manager: Debbie Morris

#### Carterton

Mon-Fri 11.00 – 13.00  
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#### Out of Hours Service

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