

The Veterinary Centre staff would like to wish all our patients and their families a very happy and healthy Christmas.

Little "Taylor", Erik's Border Terrier puppy, born on Saturday October 16th at 5.00am, is already entering into the spirit of the occasion and trying to choose herself a present from the exciting array of Christmas goodies on sale at our Henley and Twyford surgeries.

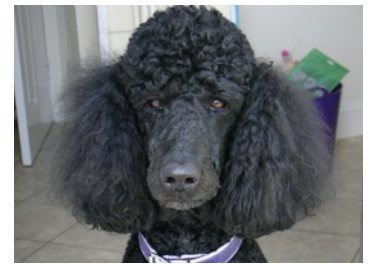


Issey

Our standard poodle, Bailey-Rae, has a history of finding things - first a £5 note and then a tennis racquet but on holiday in Cornwall in September she made her greatest find. During her early morning walk, she stuck her nose behind a gate post and found a tiny three week old tortoiseshell kitten who was almost dead and suffering from exposure.

We tried to warm the kitten up and raced her to the nearest vet practice – she weighed 0.3kg, her eyes were glued shut and it was suspected that she had cat flu. The outlook was bleak but despite all expectations the kitten survived, albeit with an ulcer on the cornea of one eye. A week later, back at home, we were told she would be put down if the ulcer didn't go as no-one would be willing to pay for her eye to be removed. We immediately made the decision to adopt her and a week later on 1st October, I undertook the arduous journey back to Cornwall to collect the kitten. The ulcer in her eye has gone although it has left some scarring but she is full of life, now weighs 1.6kg and is a real independent madam with very sharp teeth. She was found in St Issey, just outside Padstow, so her name seemed obvious – Issey-Padstow. We have never owned a cat before so are learning as we go, she will want for nothing but we sometimes wonder if Bailey-Rae rues finding more than she bargained for!

Alison Trorey



Thames Valley Animal Welfare goes on Caring

Thames Valley Animal Welfare can be contacted for emergencies over the Christmas period while some of the larger animal charities close for the holiday period. This has, in past years, been invaluable to such agencies as the Police when they find cats in immediate need of care at Christmas time such as the sudden death of the owner with no one to take care of the cats.

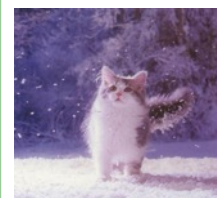
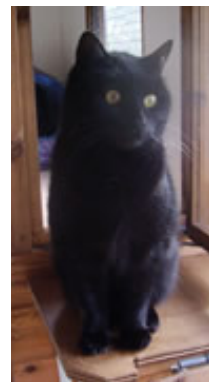
As all our cats awaiting new homes are in foster homes they, of course, continue to get the same care whatever the season. Sometimes prospective new owners are cautious about approaching us to adopt a cat at Christmas time. We have no hard and fast rules about this but will listen to what we are told about the home circumstances. If it is a family with young children and/or there are to be a lot of visitors to the home over Christmas we would suggest that it is not the right time for a new cat to join the household. If, however, we are contacted by someone who tells us they have a reasonable time off work and are planning a quiet time at home over the holiday it may be just the right time for them to adopt a cat.

We do not go along with plans to give a cat or kitten as a gift at Christmas or any other time of the year. The person concerned always needs to be involved with the decision to have a pet and to visit the foster home where a cat is being cared for. All our foster carers need to see the people who will be the new owners of any cat so they can be assess if the match is right as, having cared for the cat themselves, they are the best judge of whether it is likely to be a good prospect for the cat. Consideration is given to the cat's past history. If it was handed over to the charity because it was showing signs of disturbed behaviour in a family home or is obviously a nervous cat then a quiet home with no children will be sought for it.

A cat can be a great success as a family pet but the match has to be the right one and children's ability to be gentle and considerate to a pet can vary enormously as we all know!

TVAW Cats Looking for Homes

Alice - is a lovely black cat who neighbours think was abandoned by her owners over a year ago. We think she is about 3 years old. When she arrived she was so excited about having somewhere warm to sleep and food to eat that she couldn't stop purring and dribbling. She's quite a character and will make a lovely pet.



Why not help TVAW by buying some of their Christmas cards.

Two designs to choose from. Packs of 10 @ £3.50.

Available from the surgeries

Henley Vets News: December 2010

Dakota's Diary

This month I've been making my Christmas list, I want a pink camouflage life jacket for when I go swimming, a new ball and something tasty! I have been playing lots in the snow catching snowballs and when it was snowing I was leaping in the air trying to catch the snowflakes hehehe!! I thought it would be fun to go swimming, but I had to jump back out and run around because it was freezing!!

I was naughty this month, Frankie caught me licking the butter pot and I stole three crumpets off the kitchen side mwahahaha!! They were really really tasty!! I've got my eye on the christmas chocolates, they look really yummy but Frankie said I'm not allowed them because it will make me poorly.. I don't believe her though.. I'm still going to try and sneak a few!

I've been going out for lots of walks in the dark with my pink flashing collar on so Frankie can find me. It's really fun going walkies at night time because there's lots of things for me to chase!



Introduction for New Clients

The Veterinary Centre is an independent, small animal practice with its main surgery in Henley and a branch surgery in Twyford. Since 1995 we have grown from two vets and four support staff to nine vets and more than twenty support staff. The Henley premises have had to grow to accommodate this expansion. We maintain our friendly, personal and non-corporate ethos despite our success!

Our aim is to provide the best possible care and treatment for our patients while paying due regard to the owners' financial constraints and their personal views on what is fair and kind to their pet.

We make ourselves as available as possible. Our Henley surgery is open for routine appointments from 8.00am-8.00pm every week day and 8.30am-6.00pm on Saturdays - much appreciated by those clients who work long hours and have long commutes.

We provide our own "out of hours" service 365 days a year. There is always a veterinary nurse at our Henley surgery to care for in-patients and answer the phone. The veterinary surgeon on-call is able to get there within twenty minutes. Our critical-care patients do not have to be transported to an emergency centre each night or for the weekend.

If you are a client of the practice, and need out of hours help or advice for your pet, you are quite likely to get a nurse and a vet that you already know. Even if you don't know them they will at least have your pet's medical history to hand.

We are proud of our facilities and the service we provide and are always delighted to meet potential new clients and show them around the practice.

Christmas and New Year Hours

Henley Surgery

Fri 24 Dec	8:00am - 6:00pm
Sat 25 Dec	Emergencies only
Sun 26 Dec	Emergencies only
Mon 27 Dec	Emergencies only
Tue 28 Dec	Emergencies only
Wed 29 Dec	8:00am - 8:00pm
Thu 30 Dec	8:00am - 8:00pm
Fri 31 Dec	8:00am - 8:00pm
Sat 1 Jan	Emergencies only
Sun 2 Jan	Emergencies only
Mon 3 Jan	Emergencies only
Tue 4 Jan	8:00am - 8:00pm

Twyford Surgery

Fri 24 Dec	9:00 - 12:30 only
Sat 25 Dec	Closed
Sun 26 Dec	Closed
Mon 27 Dec	Closed
Tue 28 Dec	Closed
Wed 29 Dec	9:00 - 12:30, 1:30 - 6:00
Thu 30 Dec	9:00 - 12:30, 1:30 - 6:00
Fri 31 Dec	9:00 - 12:30, 1:30 - 6:00
Sat 1 Jan	Closed
Sun 2 Jan	Closed
Mon 3 Jan	Closed
Tue 4 Jan	9:00 - 12:30, 1:30 - 6:00

Booster Reminders and/or Newsletters by e-mail

Save a tree by opting for us to send you booster reminders and electronic copies of our newsletters by email. Simply send an e-mail to reminders@henley-vets.co.uk including your name, your address and your animal's name(s).

24 Hour Emergency Service - 01491 574490

Emergencies are seen at our Henley Surgery

Henley:

The Veterinary Centre
271 Reading Road
Henley on Thames
RG9 1EL

Telephone **01491 574490**

Mon - Fri: 8:00 am - 8:00 pm
Sat 8:30 am - 6:00 pm

Consultations strictly by appointment.

Twyford:

The Veterinary Centre
Twycombe Lodge, Loddon Hall Road
Twyford
RG10 9JA

Telephone **0118 934 0259**

Calls are automatically transferred to Henley outside the hours below.

Mon - Fri Morning 9:00 am - 12:30 pm
Mon - Fri Afternoon 13:30 pm - 6:00 pm
Consultations strictly by appointment.