



Welcome to the Summer 2016 edition of our newsletter, bringing you seasonal and topical information and updates, and essential tips for pet owners including:

- ◆ AVP Update
- ◆ Kennel Cough
- ◆ Tick awareness
- ◆ Pet Allergy Week
- ◆ Rabbit Awareness Week
- ◆ Keep us up to date with your contact details

How big a problem is kennel cough?

Approx 40,000 cases seen by vets in Britain last year.
 Persistent, dry, 'honking' cough.
 Can last for weeks.
 Affects dogs of all ages.
 Highly contagious.
 Serious cases may result in pneumonia.
 May prove fatal in susceptible individuals.



Is your dog at risk? YES!

Optimum protection is not normally provided by routine annual vaccinations.
 Kennel cough is easily transmitted between dogs.
 A recent survey suggests that less than half of all outbreaks arise in kennels!

Why the name is so misleading?

Kennel cough can be caught:

- * In the park
- * At dog shows
- * At training classes
- * From the dog next door

In fact anywhere that dogs meet ...as well as in boarding kennels!

Can I treat or prevent it?

By the time the cough starts, the damage is done antibiotics often have limited impact. Routine injectable vaccines do not normally provide optimum protection. Prevention is better than cure: specific vaccines are available. Call us for more information or to book an appointment.

Arrowfield Update

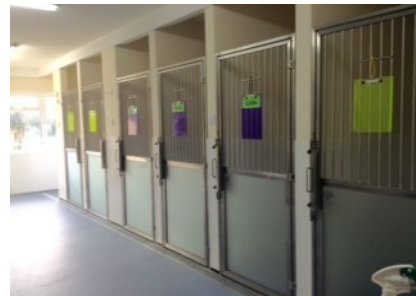
In our Spring Newsletter we reported that nurse Emma & vets Chloe & Amy were having their hair cut off for **The Little Princess Trust** a local Charity that provides wigs for children that have lost their through cancer treatment or illness.

We are thrilled to tell you that they took the chop in early March and between them sent off 5lb of hair! They also raised £1000 pound for the charity.



New Dog Ward

In April we were very proud to open our new dog ward a purpose built room within Arrowfield existing building. The dog ward has 7 walk-in dog kennels, ward kitchen / utility area & dog wet room. Building this new room has enabled to have a totally separate cat ward. These improvements will enhance all our inpatients stay by reducing stress improve the quality of our care for all species.



Trainee Animal Nursing Assistant

With Arrowfield continuing growth we had the need to appoint another member to the nursing team. We look forward to welcoming our newly appointed trainee animal nurse assistant, Jess Ray onto the team in June. We know she is very excited about following her dreams and we hope she will be very happy at Arrowfield.

Special Offer

For the Months June / July 2016

We have cat & dog worming tablets on a
Buy 3 tablets get 1 tablet Free

TICK OFF TICKS FROM YOUR TO-DO LIST



The number of ticks is rising in the UK, we have certainly seen an increase locally. These parasites may start off the size of a sesame seed but they can cause serious harm to your pets and even to you. Here we give you some advice on how you can keep your pets safe.

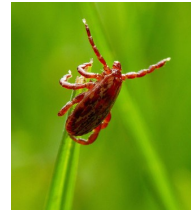
Ticks are tiny before they feed, but that doesn't mean they're a small problem. They can be found in gardens, parks, woods, heathland and fields. So whether your pet is in the city or the country, they're at risk.

These parasites hang on the edge of vegetation and climb onto people and pets as they brush past. Ticks then attach and feed on blood, swelling up to 200 times their bodyweight[†]. They can cause irritation, infection, abscesses, skin reactions and, most seriously, they can transmit infectious diseases. Recently, four dogs have been diagnosed with babesiosis in the UK – a serious disease that's usually only found abroad. This makes it more important than ever that we treat pets and stop the spread of this potentially very dangerous disease.

In fact ticks are second only to mosquitoes in transmitting infectious diseases to humans and animals. Ticks can also spread Lyme disease, which can have life-changing consequences for humans. Plus in Europe there are different species of ticks carrying different diseases. So you will need to be extra careful if taking your dog abroad with you.

To protect your pet from ticks and the diseases they carry, we recommend you regularly treat them all year round as ticks can be active even in colder conditions. You should also check pets after they've been in an area where they may pick up ticks – particularly check where hair is thinner such as their head, around the ears and their tummy.

We have spot-on treatments available that should be applied monthly. We also have palatable chews for dogs, which are proving very popular and effective and these only require dosing every 12 weeks, they are particularly good for dogs that swim or require regular bathing. Both forms of treatment also are effective against fleas. these are also effective against fleas.



PET ALLERGY WEEK (PAW)

6th–12th June 2016

Just like humans, animals can have allergies which may cause skin and ear problems, gastrointestinal problems (such as vomiting or diarrhoea), hair loss and lethargy.

Pets can have reactions to foods, pollens, from trees, flowers and grasses, fleas, mites and mould.

We can now run blood tests to help identify allergies to help manage allergic conditions and improve your pets quality of life.

Take advantage of the discounted tests during PAW speak to your vet today

For more information visit:

<http://animal-allergy.avactaanimalhealth.com>



Rabbit Awareness Week

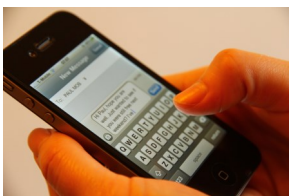
18th ~ 26th JUNE

Rabbits are popular family pets, but unfortunately most people do not realise they are highly complex animals that can have a range of health, dietary and behavioural problems if management is not correct.

Did you know:

- ◆ 80% of your rabbits diet should consist of hay or grass, 15% greens, 5% nuggets
- ◆ Muesli style foods can be bad for rabbits – as they encourage selective feeding
- ◆ Rabbits should be vaccinated against myxomatosis and viral haemorrhagic disease
- ◆ Rabbits are prone to parasites and fly strike and should be regularly monitored & treated appropriately
- ◆ A rabbit's hutch should be large enough for them to stand up on their hind legs and long enough to allow 3 continuous hops
- ◆ The rabbit's bedroom should be cleaned out daily
- ◆ Rabbits are very social and should be kept in appropriate groups of neutered animals. They should NOT be kept with guinea pigs
- ◆ Rabbits Life span is 8-12 years

For 2 weeks from the 18th June we are offering **FREE** rabbit checks & dietary advice with a nurse. If you would like to book an appointment for your rabbit an appointment or wish to talk about any of the points mentioned above please call the surgery.



Do we have all your Contact Details?

We are constantly striving to improve our service to our clients. We are now able to offer a reminder system for vaccination, parasite control via email & text messaging. In order for us to do this we need to have mobile phone numbers & email address on our computer system. Please help us stay in touch by keeping our reception team up to date with your details, either on your next visit, or by completing a card in reception.

Arrowfield Veterinary Practice is proud to be an Accredited Practice through the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons' Practice Standards Scheme. Through setting standards and carrying out regular inspections, the Scheme aims to promote and maintain the highest standards of veterinary care.

