



Spring 2018

Arrowfield Updates:

Staff

In January we welcomed Jane Nicholls to the reception team. We feel privileged that Jane has come to join us, as she brings a wealth of experience with her from a previous role in a Veterinary Practice. Jane will be covering Charlene's maternity leave. We are wishing Charlene all the best.

Vanessa Bowers DipAVN RVN will be returning from her maternity leave at the end of April. We are all very much looking forward to her return.

Exam Congratulations!

Well done to Abbey Skyrme who has passed the first exam in her Animal Nursing Assistant Award.

Pet Health Plans

We are really excited to announce that we are just about to launch a preventative health plan for Dogs & Cats. See over for further details or call the surgery.

AVP Charities

We are please to announce that we raised £500 in 2017 and this was split between Hearing Dogs for the Deaf and Cancer Research.

AVP 2018 Charities have been chosen and are:

Veterans with Dogs a charity helping Veterans with Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), and other mental health conditions, cope better with their symptoms and enabling them to lead more independent lives.



MIND a charity that provides advice and support to empower anyone experiencing a mental health problem. They campaign to improve services, raise awareness and promote understanding.

To continue supporting our charities Arrowfield is planning a **Sponsored Walk** (Dogs allowed but not essential) on Sunday 6th May 2018.

Further details will be available shortly on our Website & Facebook page or from reception. All are welcome to this event, so come and join us, and tell your friends!

Alabama Rot

At the time of writing we have sadly had 2 confirmed cases of Alabama Rot in the practice area. The exact causes of this disease is still unknown, and extensive research across the world into it is still very much ongoing. The symptoms include skin lesions and sometimes fatal kidney failure. Most dogs that need treatment have been walked in muddy, woodland areas. Alabama Rot's full, scientific name is cutaneous and renal glomerular vasculopathy (CRGV). It was first identified in the USA in the 1980s. It is a disease that damages blood vessels in the skin and kidney. It causes blood to clot in the vessels which damages the lining and the delicate tissues of the kidneys. It can affect any dog of any breed, age, or size. More cases are reported between November and May than between June and October, which suggests the dogs are more likely to be affected in winter and spring.

The first signs you may notice if your dog has contracted Alabama rot are lesions on the skin. These could appear as a patch of red skin, or as an open ulcer or sore. These sores are most commonly found on a dog's paws or lower legs, but they can also be found on a dog's face, mouth or tongue, or on their lower body.

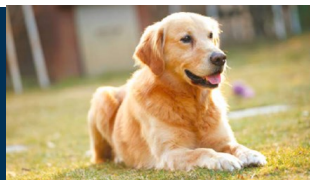
Signs of kidney failure include loss of appetite, tiredness and vomiting. If your dog is showing signs of sore skin or ulcers on an area of their body that is close to the floor (and you know these have not been caused by an injury) it's a good idea to contact us.

On average, dogs suffer from kidney failure about three days after lesions begin to show on the skin, however the time between sores appearing and kidney failure can be between one and ten days. The earlier this disease is caught and treated by a vet, the higher the chances of recovery.

As the source of Alabama rot is unknown, there is no way of making sure you stay away from the cause. Checking your dog's body once a day for lumps and bumps is a good habit for all dog owners to get in to, and checking them regularly for the signs listed above will help pick up the disease as early as possible. Washing your dogs legs and paws after a walk may also help but it is not known if this will actually prevent this disease. Cats and rabbits are not thought to be affected by this disease. Unfortunately, where is safe to walk your dog is a question we can not answer, and we are not currently advising dog owners to avoid any particular locations. Although an environmental cause for this disease is considered possible it has not been proven with testing to date. Dogs cannot be vaccinated against Alabama rot

A map detailing all confirmed cases, is available at www.vets4pets.com/stop-alabama-rot/.





Treatments & Services Available

Healthy and happy pets require certain routine treatments. In order to help you meet these needs we have designed a Pet Health Plan for cats and dogs.

By joining our plan, you spread the cost of routine treatment over the year, plus have regular check-ups to help identify potential health issues.

The Pet Health Plan can help keep you pet in good health, save you money at the same time.

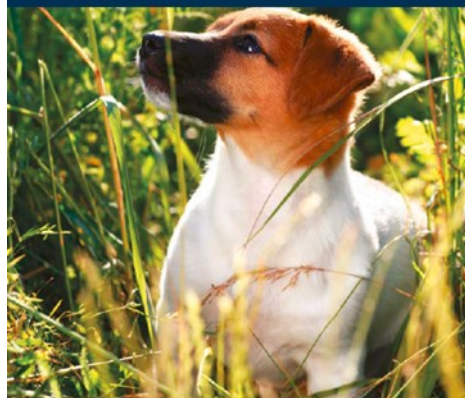
Pets Health Plan

Joining is easy!

All it takes is completing and signing a simple form which you can do at the practice.

For more information speak to a member of our team who will be happy to answer any questions you might have.

"A healthy pet is a happy pet from a little as £12 per month"



Pet Healthcare Plans

A preventative healthcare scheme for your pet

Feature	Dog ~ Silver	Dog ~ Gold	Cat Silver	Cat Gold
Annual vaccination with a vet consultation which includes a health check	✓	✓	✓	✓
Year round Flea & Tick Treatments	✓	✓	✓	✓
Quarterly Worming Treatment	✓	✓	✓	✓
Monthly Worming Treatment (cover for Lungworm)	✓	✓	✓	✓
Annual Health Check with a nurse (6 months after vaccination)	✓	✓	✓	✓
Nail clipping with a nurse (at 6 month check)	✓	✓	✓	✓
Annual urine analysis (over 7years)	✓	✓	✓	✓
Annual blood pressure check (over 7years)	✓	✓	✓	✓
Kennel cough vaccination with Annual Booster	✓	✓	✓	✓
10% off additional vaccinations	✓	✓	✓	✓
10% off diets purchased from the Practice	✓	✓	✓	✓
Monthly payment * Vaccinations included; Dogs: Distemper, Hepatitis, Parvovirus, Leptospirosis, Kennel Cough. Cats: Feline Leukaemia, Enteritis, Flu. Kennel cough included in Dog Gold & discounted for Dog Silver.	Small Up to 10kg £12.00 Medium 10.1 – 25kg £14.00 Large 25.1 – 40kg £16.00 Giant 40.1kg + £18.00	Small Up to 10kg £15.00 Medium 10.1 – 25kg £18.00 Large 25.1 – 40kg £21.00 Giant 40.1kg + £24.00	£12.00	£15.00

Sheep in this field! ...it is far better to be safe than sorry...

At this time of year when lambing season is in full swing, please be mindful when walking your dog. Your dog doesn't have to attack the sheep to cause damage, being off the lead and causing sheep to stress and run can lead to abortions, or the sheep suffocating by smothering each other. Dog worrying and attacks on sheep are becoming increasingly more common. It is an offence to allow a dog to worry sheep, this includes both attacking and chasing. Farmers are legally allowed to shoot dogs if they are endangering their sheep and not under control. It is so important to have your dog under control at all times when in the vicinity of sheep and other livestock. Make sure you put your dog on the lead when walking close to or in fields containing sheep. Dogs can behave in an unpredictable way around stock and it is far better to be safe than sorry.



Charity Greetings Cards and Cryptic Quiz:

We are now selling a beautiful selection of greeting cards for just £2.20. There is a choice of 19 designs, so something for everyone, and they are selling fast.

Angela Jauncey, one of our receptionist, and her mother are making a monthly fun cryptic quiz to fry your brain, entry is just £1, with returned correct entries being entered into a draw for a cash prize.

These are both available to buy from both our Kingston and Presteigne branches. All the proceeds from these sales will go towards our AVP charities.

Moved House? Changed your Mobile number / email address ?

Please let us know any changes so we can keep in touch!