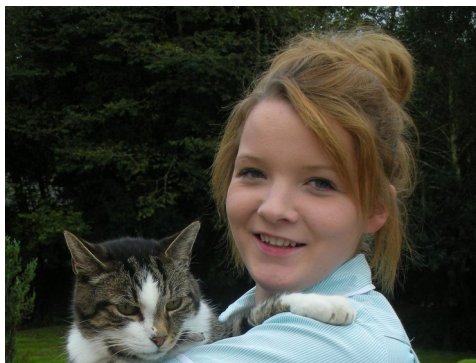


New Members of Staff

Since the last newsletter, we have welcomed two new members of staff.



We are very pleased to have secured the services of Martha, our new vet. Martha was covering for maternity leave, but is now a permanent member of staff, working Wednesdays and Thursdays.



Many of you will also have met Chelsea, our new student Veterinary Nurse, who has fitted into the team very well.

Blue Cross Campaign

We are working with The Blue Cross and National Veterinary Services to collect unwanted clothes for the charity to sell and raise funds. The Blue Cross receives no government funding, so relies on public donations to continue its vital work. All donations of saleable clothes are gratefully received. If you are interested in donating your unwanted clothes to The Blue Cross please collect a bag from the surgery and return it for collection by NVS.

Repeat Prescriptions

If your pet is on repeat medication, then please contact the surgery to order it in advance before you run out. Repeat medications must be authorised by a vet in the practice before being dispensed.

Telephoning in advance avoids calling in on spec and finding that the Veterinary Surgeon is off the premises or the Nurse is very busy or even the drugs that you have requested are out of stock.

Rabbit Vaccination

Until recently, rabbits required three vaccines a year – two for myxomatosis and one for VHD. We now have a vaccine which covers both of these common fatal diseases in one annual dose, so only one injection a year instead of three.

Sureflap

Cat flaps are certainly convenient, though the down side is that other animals can gain access to your home as well. For a few years now we have been selling the popular SureFlap microchip cat flap which reads your cat's microchip as it approaches the flap, and only opens when it recognises the chip.



As well as the standard SureFlap, we are now able to supply the PetFlap for larger cats and small dogs, and the Dualscan SureFlap which allows you to keep specific pets indoors whilst allowing your other pets to come and go as they please.

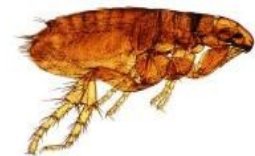
£10 Cat Spay



With the help of the RSPCA, we are currently able to offer cat spaying for just £10. This offer is open to all residents of Cornwall and for all female cats.

Please call in or give us a ring for more information.

Fleas



Many of you will have noticed that we are going through a particularly bad stretch for fleas.

We have not have a prolonged cold spell for several years and this has meant that flea numbers have not been knocked back in the winter, but have been rising all year round.

In warm damp areas of the country, like Cornwall, fleas can live outside all year round – this makes flea control even more difficult.

All effective flea products require the flea to jump on the animal and bite before it is killed.

We now have a new flea product that kills fleas more quickly after they bite than existing products do. While we still recommend Stronghold which does kill all fleas, the new product will be better for some people due to the speed of flea kill.

Please ask if you are interested.