

Welcome to the spring edition of the Kydd and Kydd practice newsletter.

Practice facilities include

- Late night opening
- Modern surgical & medical facilities
- Full x-ray, ultrasound & dental facilities
- In-house laboratory
- In-house pharmacy
- RCVS accredited practice
- VN training centre
- 6 month health checks
- Nurses clinics
- Pets passports

OPENING TIMES AT KYDD AND KYDD

Monday	8am - 8pm
Tuesday	8am - 7pm
Wednesday	8am - 7pm
Thursday	8am - 8pm
Friday	8am - 7pm
Saturday	9am - 5pm
Sunday	CLOSED

A 24 hour emergency service is available by telephoning 020 8946 9925

EASY PARKING

FREE PARKING AVAILABLE IN STRATHEARN ROAD IN METERED BAYS BEFORE 11AM AND AFTER 3PM.

FREE PARKING IS AVAILABLE FOR UP TO 2 HOURS IN WAITROSE CAR PARK FOR CLIENTS OF KYDD AND KYDD (3 mins walk)

PET STORE

We are now stocking our own brand of **super premium life stage diets** for dogs & cats. A high quality complete dry food, veterinary approved, **hypo-allergenic** and **grain free**. Also it is very competitively priced!

Microchipping - The upcoming legal changes

Microchipping of dogs (not cats) is already compulsory by law in Northern Ireland and will become **mandatory in England on 6th April 2016** under government plans intended to cut a rise in strays.

At Kydd and Kydd we have been recommending microchipping for many years. We strongly advise that you get your pet microchipped and have the assurance that should your pet become lost (or be stolen), he or she is more likely to be returned to you safe and sound. Microchipping also has a number of other welfare benefits, including:

- Deterrent to pet theft
- Allows for rapid return if lost
- Easier identification and subsequent arrests of owners culpable of animal cruelty
- Enables veterinary surgeons to contact pet owners for emergency procedures
- Allows identification of pets in properties in emergency situations so that pets and owners can be moved and reunited more quickly

Every year thousands of pets go missing and many are never reunited with their owners. This sad fact is all due to one simple reason they cannot be identified. Although it is a legal requirement that dogs should wear a collar with an identity tag, collars and tags can become snagged and lost especially if your cat is a climber or fighter! The good news is that a permanent method of identifying your pet is available..... Microchipping!

A microchip is a tiny device no bigger than a large grain of rice and it takes just seconds to implant. It is placed under the skin at the back of the neck and once there it lasts a lifetime. Each microchip contains a unique code and this code together with your pets details and address are stored on a central database. Welfare organisations, the police, dog wardens and veterinary practices all have scanners and will routinely scan any stray animal to check if it is chipped. If your pet is microchipped this gives you the best chance of being quickly reunited.

If you would like to find out more about getting your pet microchipped or would like to make an appointment, please telephone the practice and speak to our staff.

Hey, have you heard about compulsory microchipping?



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4 WEEKS FREE INSURANCE WITH PET PLAN!!

We can issue a cover note which will provide immediate cover for illness and injury. This cover note can be issued to puppies, kittens and rabbits aged from 6 weeks and before their 1st birthday, following a vet health check. It's quick and easy to activate online and there is no obligation to buy a full policy.



Veterinary medicine and surgery is constantly advancing and we can now diagnose and treat more conditions than ever before. Acute injuries such as a road traffic accident or chronic diseases such as diabetes, can be very costly to treat but with appropriate pet insurance we can hopefully ensure that your pet is treated on the basis of need rather than cost.

Speak to a member of the Kydd & Kydd team if you would like further advice

NURSES CLINICS AT KYDD AND KYDD

Did you know the qualified nurses at Kydd and Kydd run



daily nurses clinics where you can get professional advice on all kinds of topics. From choosing a breed of puppy to dietary advice for patients with kidney problems and from clipping claws to administering a

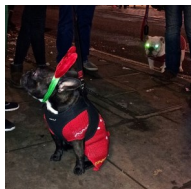
tablet for you or advising on the ideal weight and diet for your pet. At Kydd and Kydd we have SIX qualified RVN's waiting to help you!

During February we are focussing on **healthy weight pet clinics**. Why not bring your pet in for a free weight check and body condition score? Our nurses will be more than happy to advise you.

Practice News!

The Leopold Road Christmas Street Party returned this Christmas and was a great success. Kydd and Kydd organised a dog fancy dress event which attracted a few contestants and the winner of our luxury dog hamper was Garry the French Bulldog.

The total amount raised by the street for the Perseid School in Merton was over £2,370! Thanks to all those who took part.



Sadly we say goodbye soon to our degree student Megan who has been on placement with us on and off throughout her veterinary nursing degree course. On a positive note this means she is nearing the end of the course and graduation as a BSc (Hons) RVN! Kydd & Kydd take both veterinary nurse students and students of veterinary science on work placements or extra mural studies throughout their studies. Our Clinical Coaches, Fiona and Amie are very committed to the student training.

Are your pets up to date with their vaccinations?

Every year we give pets vaccinations to protect them against a number of potentially fatal infectious diseases. If your pet has not been vaccinated in the last year, it's worth making an appointment for a health check and we will advise about what vaccinations are available and recommended.



Did you know that all cats and dogs on our vaccination program are invited for a FREE health check with one of our veterinary surgeons every 6 months!

Food for Thought!



Giving your pet a balanced diet is essential to ensure a good quality of life.

According to research by the PDSA One-in-three dogs and one-in-four cats in the UK are now estimated to be overweight

or obese. An obese pet is less able to enjoy life to the full, and may develop more serious medical conditions linked to their weight such as diabetes, heart disease and arthritis. Dogs' and cats' nutritional requirements change according to their life stage, from puppies and kittens through to adults and seniors all experiencing differing needs. By feeding your dog or cat a premium quality 'complete' diet, you can ensure they are getting all the nutrients they need for their life stage.

When feeding it is essential to measure the correct amounts and proportions as advised on the manufacturer's label. This means weighing out the dry food, rather than 'feeding by eye'. If you are unsure or believe your pet is gaining, or losing weight, despite feeding according to the instructions check with us and we will advise you on the appropriate levels. In addition to watching the amount of food you feed, avoid treats and overfeeding. PDSA research shows that 98% of owners give their dog treats with 42% giving treats daily. If you are giving treats, ensure this is allocated within the daily allowance. Did you know a small plain biscuit or a slice of buttered toast fed to a 10kg dog is the human equivalent of 1 hamburger.

Rabbits are fibrevores, which means they require high levels of fibre to ensure good dental, digestive and emotional health. It is also important to provide them with coarse food to keep their teeth down in addition to helping with mental stimulation. According to the Rabbit Welfare Fund (RWF), a rabbit's diet should be at least 70% hay, 20% greens and 10% pellets. However just like cats and dogs, it is important to monitor the quantities they are consuming as they are equally at risk of obesity.

While food is important, don't forget water is absolutely essential. Make sure there is plenty of fresh water available for your pet each and every day.

