

KYDD & KYDD NEWSLETTER

Summer 2016



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Welcome to the summer 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

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| 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 now stock our own brand of **super premium life stage diets & supplements** for dogs & cats. A high quality complete dry food, veterinary approved, **hypoallergenic** and **grain free**. Our products are also very competitively priced!

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 arranging 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!

Does your dog play with everyone he meets in the park?



With summer well on its way, you're sure to find yourself going for longer walks with your dog. It's great news for the exercise routine and for meeting your dog walking friends but the last thing you want is for your dog to play with his mates, and a few days later find he is suffering from a harsh, dry whooping type cough (a sure sign of kennel cough).

Unfortunately Canine Infectious Tracheobronchitis, commonly known as kennel cough, is a highly contagious respiratory disease and can last for weeks. Occasionally it can develop into more serious complications such as pneumonia, which can prove fatal in old, weak or very young dogs. Kennel cough results from inflammation of the upper airways (trachea and bronchi) and is easily passed from dog-to-dog by airborne droplets (coughing and sneezing) or direct nose-to-nose contact; a common occurrence on dog walks!

Dogs are at risk whenever they group together, whether in popular dog walking parks, at boarding kennels, shows or training classes. Prevention is better than cure; the treatment of infectious tracheobronchitis can be a long and lengthy process, which involves isolation and antibiotic therapy. In fact, so serious is the condition that most reputable boarding kennels will insist that dogs are vaccinated prior to admission. The common name kennel cough, actually results from its prevalence in boarding establishments.

Kydd and Kydd offers a vaccine that will immunise against kennel cough for 12 months, with a single vaccination administered in just one visit! Acting against the two most common causes of kennel cough, Bordetella bronchiseptica and canine parainfluenza virus. The vaccine is safe to give to dogs of any shape, size and age – including puppies of just three weeks of age, the vaccine provides protection in just 72 hours.



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Top tips for summer

- If you are leaving your property empty and you have a cat flap fitted, please make sure that you have either locked it securely or set it on two way traffic otherwise you may find yourself with an uninvited guest when you return home. Stressful for you and for your guest!!
- Make sure fresh clean water is always available to all pets. You may even need to take some on walks and avoid exercise in the heat of the day particularly with elderly or overweight dogs with heart problems; try to stick to early mornings and evenings.
- Watch out for grass seeds (awns) of the meadow grasses. They often become trapped in dogs ears and can cause violent head shaking. They may become embedded in between the toes or caught up in long hair.
- Rabbits: If you haven't had your rabbit vaccinated against myxomatosis and Viral Haemorrhagic Diarrhoea (VHD) yet, act now! These often fatal illnesses commonly strike in the summer months.
- Fly strike - during the summer months and periods of warm weather, rabbit rear ends should be checked twice daily for fly eggs and maggots. Please call us **at once** if you see any signs or are concerned. Hutches should be cleaned daily and checked twice a day.
- **NEVER EVER** leave your pet in a car on a hot day. Cars act as ovens and even in mild temperatures dogs in cars can quickly overheat.
- Cats are natural sunbathers, but cats with white noses and ear tips are particularly vulnerable to sun burn and subsequent skin cancer. This risk can be reduced by keeping them out of the sun, or by applying Pet Sunscreen.
- Remember to keep treating your pets regularly for fleas, Ticks and worms.
- If your pet is going into kennels this summer, don't forget to make sure they are up to date with their vaccinations, including Kennel Cough.



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. At Kydd and Kydd we have SEVEN qualified RVN's waiting to help you!

During June we will be focussing on preparing for the holiday season and travelling with your pets. We will be continuing awareness of preventative medicine namely fleas, ticks and internal parasites such as round worm, tapeworm and lungworm as this is an all year round problem.

At Kydd & Kydd we believe that prevention is better than cure. We recommend that you only purchase good, high quality products and the safest place to obtain these is through your veterinary practice.

Your pet will be examined and weighed, and we can advise you on the best product and dose for your pet. Why not bring your pet in for a free weight check and body condition score? One of our nurses will be more than happy to advise you.!



Practice News!

- We welcome a new veterinary surgeon to the team, Dr Janet Randich BVetMed MRCVS who will be working part time on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and some Saturdays. Dr Randich qualified from the Royal Veterinary College in 2011 and she has two young children. She will be working just up the road from her husband who is a doctor at St George's hospital.
- Nurse Megan Collingwood, who spent many of her university placements with us, will be joining the nursing team full time from June 2016. Kydd & Kydd provide placements for both veterinary nurses and students of veterinary science throughout their studies. Our Clinical Coaches, Amie and Sam are very dedicated to the student training program.
- Congratulations to Charlie Kydd who successfully completed the London Marathon in just 4 hours and 45 minutes. Charlie continues to raise funds, and has so far raised almost £2,000. Thank you to all who donated to her chosen charity, **The Brain Research Trust**.
- Nurse Emma is progressing well with her canine massage course. Canine massage is gaining recognition as a beneficial modality for many ailments including but not limited to chronic pain, osteoarthritis and prolonged recumbency.
- Nurse Amie (our lead clinical coach) will be starting a course to learn about canine grooming. This is an area that Amie has been interested in exploring for some time. We will keep you posted on her progress.