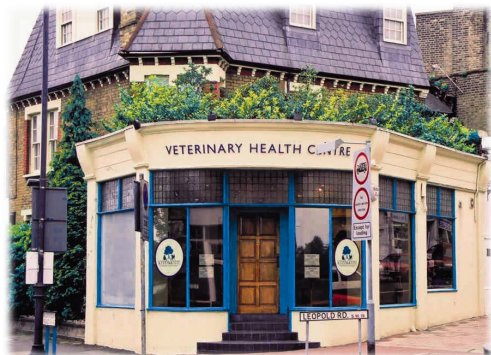


KYDD & KYDD NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to the autumn 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 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!

Autumn Awareness!



Autumn is just around the corner and although this time of year has a beauty of its own, it also holds many hazards for our pets:



- It is sensible to keep your animals in at night as the evenings draw in and the light fades earlier. Cats are more likely to get injured through road accidents as a result of poor visibility.
- Fleas are an ever present problem so keep up the good work and continue with rigorous flea control.
- Ticks are another Autumn hazard, living in long grass. Ticks will firmly attach themselves onto our pets and feed on their blood. They can also spread a range of diseases including Lyme disease and babesiosis.
- Harvest mites are active in long grass at this time of year, swarming onto passing pets where they tend to congregate on the ears, eyelids, feet and the underside of the abdomen. They are easily identified as bright orange dots adhering tightly to the skin and are usually the cause of great irritation.
- Bees and Wasps become dozy as the weather cools down and are easily caught by cats and dogs. They can give your pets a nasty sting which could be dangerous if in the mouth or throat.
- THE FIREWORK SEASON IS ALSO APPROACHING! Too early to be worried about fireworks? If you have a dog that is sensitive to noise, now is the time to prepare. Waiting until November to start getting your pet accustomed to the noise of fireworks will be too late. By slowly introducing noises to sensitive pets and gradually increasing the volume you can begin the process of de-sensitisation. There are audio CDs to help you and lots of literature available. Speak to one of our qualified nurses who will advise you on the best methods of preparation.
- Nearer the time there will be plenty of advice on display in reception about what to do on the night. It is always advisable to keep pets indoors on firework night, and this is especially important for those pets who are phobic about noise. See our top tips over the page for some useful ideas.

Is your rabbit getting his 5-a-day?

Most of us understand the importance of a balanced diet for human health and happiness but did you know the right food is key to keeping your pet rabbit in tip top condition too? Vets report that four out of five rabbits coming into practice have a health problem that is directly related to poor diet, such as obesity, overgrown teeth and constipation. The good news is that many of these are easily prevented once we understand a bit more about what our pet rabbits should be eating and why. If you would like to find out more about the best husbandry for your rabbit or advice on feeding, please speak to one of our qualified veterinary nurses.



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TIPS TO HELP YOUR PETS COPE DURING THE FIREWORK SEASON

The firework season can be a scary time for pets but you can help by following some of these tips and guidelines:

- Provide a den or hiding place where your pet can feel safe
- Increase your pet's feeling of security by plugging in an Adaptil, Feliway or Pet Remedy diffuser as close to the den or hiding place as possible. AVAILABLE TO BUY AT KYDD & KYDD in handy monthly refillable packs.
- Ignore fearful behaviour, such as panting, shaking and whining. Dogs may pick up on their owner's anxiety which could make the problem worse.
- In the run up to Bonfire Night walk your dog when it is still light outside. This reduces the possibility of fireworks being set off and your dog becoming worried.
- Make sure all windows, doors and cat flaps are securely closed during firework night. This will reduce the chances of your pets escaping.
- Provide extra litter trays for cats in case they are not used to being confined to the house.
- Provide distractions, for example new toys or chews, while fireworks are happening. Draw curtains and switch on the TV to mask the noise from the fireworks.
- Try not to leave your pets alone while fireworks are going off, pets will be more relaxed when they have a familiar person with them during this time.
- DO NOT punish your pet! This will only make your pet more distressed.



Top Tips kindly provided by CEVA animal health

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 September we will be focussing on preparing for the firework season with lots of helpful advice on how to help your pets cope. The Autumn often sees a surge in the occurrence of fleas as we turn the heating back on. 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!

- Thank you to all our clients for their patience during the inconvenience of the exterior decorations. We hope you all think that the practice looks a lot smarter as a result.
- Don't forget, we now stock our own brand of super premium life stage diets & supplements for dogs & cats. Our high quality complete dry food, is veterinary approved, **hypoallergenic** and **grain free**. Our products are also very competitively priced!
- Congratulations to nurse Megan Collingwood, who graduated with a BSc(Hons) in Veterinary Nursing this summer. Megan spent many of her university placements with us, and joined the nursing team full time in 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.
- 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. If you are interested in finding out more about canine massage, please ask to speak to Emma Young RVN.

