

Chips with everything!



It is now a legal requirement for all dogs in the UK to be microchipped. This is to try to reduce the stray population and encourage responsible pet ownership.

All puppies born after April 2016 should be chipped and registered to their breeder, before the details are changed to the new owners. Any adult dogs who haven't been done, should be chipped as soon as possible since you can be fined!



However, it is a very good idea to microchip **all** your pets, not just the dogs! **Cats** often

wander and lose collars, so it's just as important. We can also chip **rabbits, birds** and even **reptiles!**



A microchip is hardly bigger than a grain of rice and having it implanted is quick and simple. Like a normal injection, it is inserted under the skin at the back of the neck, and once there, it lasts a lifetime.

All the chip numbers are held on a central database and you can register as many contact details as you like, so as well as your own numbers, add family members and even work, to ensure if your pet does go missing, someone is always contactable.

Finally, don't forget to keep that information up to date! A chip loses its effectiveness if the numbers are no longer current!

If you would like your pet to be microchipped, or want to know how to add more numbers to the database, please just speak to our friendly practice team!

Rabbit: Jane Burton

WHAT??? You saw a MAN!!! ...at Moy Vets???

Yes indeed there's no need to get your eyes tested we are pleased to say we've broken the 'all girl line up' and employed **MEN** – not just onebut two!!! We're increasing our staff to ensure we give the same quality of care our clients have come to expect.



Meet Brian Spar: Brian is new to the Vet Team and I'm sure you'll meet him at some point, this is a little about him:

"I grew up on Long Island, NY, USA and went on to graduate from the Royal Veterinary College, London in 2003. I returned to Long Island after graduation with my British girlfriend... and now, 13 years later, I've returned to the UK with my British wife (yes, the same one who moved to NY with me), 2 daughters (Ella and Lucy), 3 cats and a dog!"



Meet Graham Mottram:

"Seven years ago I was lucky enough to get the opportunity to follow my dream career of working with animals. I started assisting animal rescue charities initially on a casual basis, however over time the experience I acquired led to my employment working in a charity animal hospital. At times this has been a difficult path, but I have not regretted it once. My long term ambition is to become a qualified Veterinary Nurse, so my dog Leo and I have moved to the area from Liverpool to hopefully make this a reality."



We also welcome three new female team members:

Meet Rita Teixeira: Rita has joined the Vet Team. Rita mainly works from the Thornton Branch. She has a little Border Terrier puppy of her own called Bella and already has a cat called Mini. Rita graduated from University of Lisbon and then came to England where she started work in an RSPCA Wildlife Centre she is now dedicated to small animal practice, her main interests being soft tissue surgery and small furries, but enjoys every minute of working to make patients better.



Meet Nicky Jones: Nicky (and her trusty sidekick Islay) have joined the Nursing team at Out Rawcliffe. Nicky is a Qualified Veterinary Nurse who you may have met already at one of the Over Wyre branches. She's available for consultations to help you with Worming & Flea treatments, she also runs a pet weight clinic where she is seeing very good results. Nicky is very hands on performing K-Laser treatments and impressed with the benefits these pets get from this therapy.



Meet Charlotte Haigh: Charlotte started working at Moy Vets Thornton Branch in February 2015 voluntarily for 6 months and then as a Saturday girl until August 2016 when she was offered a full time job. She is keen to pursue a career as a Qualified Veterinary Nurse as she loves working with animals. She has 2 dogs, called Hollie and Daisy and two cats, a Burmese called Oliver and a Bengal called Tigsy.

Guinea pigs are great!



Guinea pigs make lovely pets! They are easy to handle, very sociable and, provided they

are well cared for, tend to stay in good health. Here are some tips to keep them healthy:

Firstly, guinea pigs should always be kept in pairs or groups; they will become stressed and anxious if they are on their own. The best combination is a same sex pair or group. Although it is common to keep guinea pigs with rabbits, the rabbit often ends up bullying the guinea pig and sometimes cause nasty injuries.

Next, they will need a nice place to live! Get a large hutch with separate sleeping and living compartments but as guinea pigs often find the slopes in the two-level kinds too steep, get them a bungalow, not a house! They will also need lots of space to run around. A secure run is ideal, especially if it is attached to the hutch so they can shelter from bad weather. Guinea pigs can live outdoors all year round but you need to ensure the hutch is well insulated.

A well balanced diet is vital. They should have a constant supply of good quality hay (to help wear down their teeth), about half a handful of fresh vegetables per pig every day and a small amount of food in pellet form. Fresh vegetables are essential as a source of vitamin C.

If you would like any further information or you are concerned about their general health – please contact us today!

MOY VETS

VETERINARY CENTRE



Keep your pets in tip top condition... budget monthly and save money!
Our Health Plan has all you need to keep your pet in the best of health.

Your membership includes:

- Twice yearly assessments including **FREE** annual vaccinations
- Full worming programme
- Flea and tick control

Further savings on other services:

- 10% off all consultations with Vet or Nurse
- 10% off neutering
- 30% off microchips
- 10% off dental scale and polish
- 10% off additional vaccinations – Rabies & Kennel cough and puppy & kitten courses
- 10% off additional wormers
- 10% off additional flea treatment
- 10% off senior blood profiling (from 8 years old)
- **Royal Canin life stage diets - at cost price!**
- **FREE** nail clips with a nurse
- **FREE** twice yearly urine analysis for cats and dogs over 8 years old

HOW DO I REGISTER?

The Answer is 'It's Easy'

Call in at one of our branches and complete a simple registration form. This will require details of your bank account to set up the direct debit, so remember to bring these with you.

Cost of plan per month:

- Giant Dog** - over 40kg **£23.05**
- Large Dog** 20.1 - 40kg **£19.62**
- Medium Dog** 10.1 - 20kg **£15.28**
- Small Dog** - up to 10kg **£14.08**
- Cat** **£14.89**
- Rabbit** **£6.86**



Fleas?! But it's freezing!

It's true! The winter months are often the worst for fleas because although it is cold outside, our houses are warm and just right for them to breed in their thousands. This is why it is important to continue with flea protection at this time of year because just one or two fleas can easily turn into an infestation. In many cases new flea problems are caused by flea eggs from *old* infestations hatching out and reinfesting your pets!

Common symptoms of bites include itchiness, red rashes, hair loss and severe irritation, which is particularly marked in pets with an allergy to flea saliva. Some affected pets develop secondary skin infections and may require antibiotics and treatment to relieve their itching.

Have a chat to our lovely staff about how to protect both your pets and your house from fleas in winter! For optimum flea control, treatment should ideally be all year round! Moy Vets' Platinum Paws Plan can help you budget monthly to get the 'best' flea treatment to suit your pet, ask a member of staff for details and how to sign up.