



Pets on Tour!



Are you planning on taking your dogs on holiday with you in the near future? It's great that they can now join us abroad but it does mean you have to plan ahead so you don't run into problems!

First of all, they need a passport (thankfully you don't have to get them to pose for a picture!). We can issue this for you and your dog is identified by their microchip. They will then need to be vaccinated against Rabies and are not allowed to leave the UK until three weeks have elapsed, so make sure you get this done well in advance of departure! The vaccine lasts three years and as long as it is repeated before this time, there are no further restrictions on travel, but, go over by even a day and you will have to repeat the three week wait.

You also have to ensure you protect your dog against parasites. It is a legal requirement for a vet to treat your dog for tapeworm just before you return home. This is easy to achieve as most practices in holiday areas or near the ports are well versed in travelling dogs. In addition, it is highly advisable to protect against the other nasties they have on the continent, especially as some transmit disease. Exactly which bugs your dog could pick up will vary depending on where you go and we are very happy to advise!



Images from Carr Lane, Hambleton

As you know the Over Wyre team have moved to a larger premises at Hambleton and to give that 'gold standard' customer care to our clients we have increased our administration staff.

The administration ladies of Moy Vets



Gaynor Brierley



Gill Skelton



Sue Bramley

Gaynor (pictured here with Jim) has joined the team at Hambleton and has quickly settled in becoming one of the family. Her friendly, helpful attitude has made her popular with other team members from the off. She has been working in administration in various guises for many years and has brought with her a wealth of experience and know-how knowledge. So far, she has been kept busy looking after clients' insurance claims, following them through to completion. Gaynor has also been hands on in reception giving support and back up, taking telephone calls from clients and making appointments for them at whichever site they prefer to go. Gaynor is working alongside **Gill Skelton** at Hambleton and is keen to get her teeth into more meaty elements of the administration workload in the coming months. Gill (pictured with Ted) has been a part of the team for the past 12 years.

Gaynor is also going to be working from the Thornton site a couple of days a week to give administration support over there too, working alongside **Sue Bramley** (pictured with her dogs Kizzi and Tallulah) who has been running the office side of things in that site. They all make one great team I am sure you will agree! (Can you believe that these three team members will have approximately 120 years office experience between them? Now that is scary!!!).



We would like to say how proud we are of our Heather at the Thornton Branch. She has been studying hard this past couple of years and has passed her exams to become a Registered Veterinary Nurse. Heather has been with us since 2010 and been working towards this all important qualification over these years. She is a valued member of the Moy Vets Team. Here we see Heather pictured in the 'RVN Greens' with her two beautiful dogs Rico and Taco.

Well done Heather!

OPEN DAY AT THE NEW HAMBLETON SITE

Would you like to see how a Veterinary Practice functions? What happens? How's it done? Who are the team and do what they do?

Well here is your chance, an open day is being planned at the New Hambleton branch, it will be a chance for our clients to come along, meet the team and see what happens once your beloved pet goes 'behind the scenes.' Keep a watch on our website/ Facebook and in branches for further details.



Winter Wonderland?

The cold winter months bring particular challenges for our pets, and as their owners, we need to be alert to the problems they can suffer at this time of year.

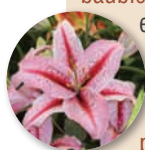
Arthritis is very commonly first diagnosed in older patients during the winter months. This isn't because the disease first strikes during this period but because the lower temperatures seize up the limbs and make the symptoms of pain and stiffness more obvious. Most pets will really benefit from anti-inflammatory medications but you can also help by giving them joint supplements, lovely soft beds, and many will enjoy resting by the radiator or on a pet-safe hot water bottle!

Out and about: Although the weather can be miserable, it is still important to ensure dogs get their walks! Make the most of the shorter days by playing games while you are out to give your pet mental as well as physical stimulation and short coated breeds like greyhounds and whippets often benefit from wearing coats. Take care though in snowy or icy conditions, as both can ball up in hairy paws and be painful. Also bad for feet is grit, which can really irritate the skin.



Festive alert: The festive season can also pose a huge range of very tempting hazards for our pets!

Chocolate is a festive favourite, but as little as 50g of plain chocolate can be fatal in small dogs. **Turkey bones** can cause choking, constipation, as well as seriously damaging internal organs. Make sure **fairy lights** and electric wires are 'chew-proof' from inquisitive puppies, kittens and even rabbits too. Brightly coloured **baubles** and **tinsel** are new and exciting objects for pets, who may try to eat them and cause themselves all sorts of internal problems. **Seasonal plants** such as holly, poinsettia, ivy and lilies are all extremely toxic. Finally, have fun with your pets and stay safe over the festive season!



Keep your pet in tip top condition. Why not join our Pet Health Plan the 'Platinum Paws Plan'?



TO SIGN UP TO THE PLATINUM PAWS PLAN PLEASE SPEAK TO ANY MEMBER OF THE MOY VETS TEAM

OR SEE MORE DETAILS ON OUR WEBPAGE

<http://www.moyvets.co.uk/platinum-paws-plan/>

Fattening up for the winter?

The shorter days and colder weather mean pets often exercise less and have more time to beg for treats! However, it is really important to ensure they don't put on weight because those extra pounds are really bad for their health; joints are put under unnecessary strain, so is the heart and other organs and it leaves them vulnerable to developing illnesses such as diabetes.

To tell if your pet is a healthy shape, simply put your hands on them! You should be able to easily feel their ribs and spine without them being too prominent. They should also have an obvious narrowing of their body behind the ribs and a 'tuck' in their stomach from the side. To help porky pets slim down consider things like changing their food to a 'light' version, cutting back on treats and stopping table scraps. We are here to help – so if you are worried, bring them in for a check-up.



Bunny Upsets!



We always recommend keeping a close watch on how much your rabbits are eating. A reduction in appetite or faecal production may indicate that there is an underlying health problem. Rabbits need a high fibre diet to maintain healthy teeth and encourage food to move through the digestive system at a normal pace. If a rabbit is unwell the intestinal motility can slow and appetite may reduce. They may seem withdrawn and hide away from contact. In severe cases bacteria in the intestines produce excess gas, which progresses to a swollen abdomen or bloat, which can be life threatening.

If your rabbit seems to be eating less, it is well worth making an appointment for a check-up. We will look for underlying causes and can prescribe medications to make your rabbit feel better and start eating again.

If you would like your rabbit to have a general health check, please give us a call today! And remember, any bunny that is not eating should be seen as soon as possible. Don't delay – call us today!