



**OPENING HOURS**

MON - FRIDAY

8.30AM - 5.00PM

SATURDAY

9.00AM - 12.00PM

**24 HR**

**EMERGENCY COVER**

PLEASE USE THE USUAL NUMBER

01559 363318

**Did You Know?**

Rabbits teeth grow 2mm per week or 12cm per year.

Rabbits not offered fibre rich food will quickly have dental problems as they will not be worn down properly.

Dental problems can cause eye infections in rabbits because the tear duct is so close to the end of the incisor and cheek teeth. Overgrown teeth can block the tear duct.

Rabbits should not be starved before operations, they do not vomit like cats and dogs so will be safe under anaesthetic even if they have eaten recently. They also need to eat regularly to maintain a healthy gut. If they don't eat they can get a life threatening problem called stasis.



**Did you know that we have five qualified and registered nurses working in Tysul Vets? We also have a first year trainee.**

VETERINARY NURSING  
**AWARENESS MONTH**  
KNOWLEDGE | COMPASSION | WELFARE

Our nurses are an invaluable part of the practice, providing support for the veterinary surgeons

but also to provide clinical services in their own right, such as blood tests, microchipping, lab work, x-rays and even small wound repairs. They are also available for a range of clinics, from weight management, to senior pet clinics. If you would like to know more about a career in nursing or have an interest in one of the clinics, please give us a call.

**We will be offering free health checks for rabbits between Monday 11th and Friday 15th May 2015. This is a clinic for healthy pets, to check them over before summer. We will check their general condition, talk about nutrition, show you how to look at their teeth and bottoms, and see that parasite control and vaccination are up to date.**

**We have learnt so much about rabbit welfare over the last decade and it is important we share that knowledge. Book an appointment now.**

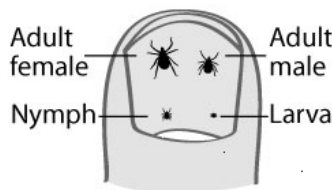


## Ticks and Disease - Why it's necessary to treat your pet.

"Vets across the UK are set to take part in the Big Tick Project, the largest nationwide collection of ticks from dogs in a bid to help scientists, led by Professor Richard Wall at the University of Bristol, track what is feared to be a growing threat to people and their dogs from tick-borne zoonotic diseases such as Lyme disease (*Borrelia*)." *University of Bristol*



Though ticks are common in this area it had mainly been seen as a nuisance factor, as Lyme disease was mainly seen in other parts of Britain. However, we travel a lot more with our pets than we used to and have unwittingly been transporting disease back home to Wales. It's not just our pets that can be affected either, we are vulnerable too. The ticks that you or your dog bring home can drop off, lay around for months until they are hungry again and then attach themselves to the next unsuspecting victim. This could be your next door neighbours dog, cat or child. The problem is that only adult female ticks are easy to see.



In dogs a common sign of Lyme disease is shifting lameness from one leg to another with no know previous injury. Occasionally they can have a fever and go off their food too. Other less common symptoms are breathing problems or kidney failure. There are so many other reasons for some of these symptoms it can be very hard to detect. It is better to avoid the disease in the first place by protecting your pet.

Those of you with pet passports may be aware that the law changed recently; you now only need to have your pet wormed at a vets prior to returning to Britain. You may have thought by implication that fleas and ticks were no longer a threat, however this is not the case. There are even worse diseases that can be contracted abroad, please don't fall victim. We would encourage pet owners to ensure that their pets have a good tick treatment used before they leave the UK and maintained for the whole of the time you are away.

There are a range of products available to protect against ticks, collars, spot-ons and tablets (some which last 3 months) For more information on the best treatment for your pet, please contact the practice.

Annwen is doing the *Race for Life* in Aberystwyth on 17th May in memory of her aunty. Go to [www.justgiving.com/timellen](http://www.justgiving.com/timellen) if you are able to donate or there is a sponsorship form with reception. Race for Life is a great fund raising event for Cancer Research UK. Their work is leading to earlier detection and development of new treatments for many different types of cancer. Good luck Annwen, we hope you enjoy the race and raise lots of money for this great cause.



### Answers to last months crossword -

Across: 1. CHOCOLATE, 5. ZINC, 6. SCOTTISH, 7. BOAR, 9. SAUSAGES, 11. PUS, 12. LABRADOR, 13. ANTIFREEZE  
Down : 2. ONIONS, 3. LILIES, 4. JACKRUSSELL, 6. SALUKI, 7. BED, 8. OS, 10. CLOT, 11. PR

## New Website

[www.tysulvets.co.uk](http://www.tysulvets.co.uk)

For those computer savvy clients out there, our new website should be up and running soon. Details of our staff, the things we do, opening hours and copies of our newsletters will be online, with more to follow in time.

There are bound to be a few teething troubles when we go live, so please bear with us. We welcome any suggestions for future development of the site.

The website will also have Facebook links shortly. Initially this will be more of an information board telling you of current offers, disease outbreaks or up-coming meetings.

Important discussions regarding your pet should always be at the practice or directly with the vet over the phone.

Non urgent enquiries via e-mail, should be available soon, details to follow.



New *Antos* vegetable based chews on sale in reception. A great treat for being a "good boy or girl" and benefits the teeth by the abrasive action of chewing, keeping plaque away.

The little ones are not suitable for big dogs, as they might try to swallow them whole, risking a choking hazard.

Our pets love them.

Greedy feeder? A dog maze makes them work for their food.

