



Newsletter

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OPENING HOURS

MON - FRIDAY

8.30AM - 5.00PM

SATURDAY

9.00AM - 12.00PM

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Air Guns and Cats

Some of you may have already been following this story on our Facebook page but we feel it is a story that needs to be shared.

This month we have had two cats admitted to hospital with injuries from airgun pellets. They are not from the same area so are likely to be unrelated.

These cats were from Pentrecwrt and Llanarth, so we wanted to warn people that there may be a local threat.

Mr Snow's injury, luckily was only skin deep and the pellet was removed under a general anaesthetic. He can be seen here playing with the pellet, in a lab pot, after the operation.



Mr Snow



Garfield

Garfield was not so lucky, the pellet hit him just above the eye, passing into the skull, behind the eye. To operate to remove the pellet was likely to compromise his sight. So despite the bleeding into his eye, we chose pain-relief, rest and monitoring at home. He is doing amazingly well.

We are in a rural area where guns have been used for pest control for hundreds of years but our pets are not vermin.

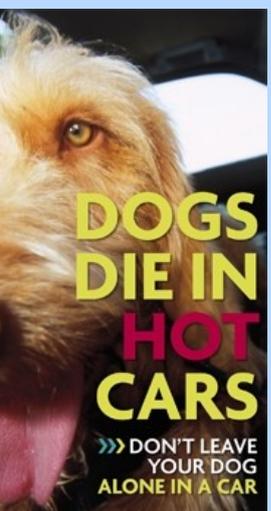
Shooting an animal with intention to cause pain or suffering is an offence. It should be reported to the police.



Dementia Friends

An Alzheimer's Society initiative

We are supporting the local initiative to make Llandysul a Dementia friendly town. Four of our staff attended the course run in conjunction with Arts for Wellbeing and the Alzheimer's Society. Many of us already have family living with this difficult disease, that doesn't just steal memories but the way that the brain functions. Every day things become difficult, getting dressed, boiling a kettle or forgetting to feed or walk the dog. Its not just confined to the elderly either, the youngest person diagnosed was just 3 years old. There is help available and it is possible to slow the symptoms of dementia if it is correctly diagnosed and treated. www.dementiafriends.org.uk



Honey says "Don't be a Naughty Doggy"

Oh dear but that stolen meat tasted yummy! Unfortunately it came in a completely un-digestible string bag. Instead of passing through, it was lodged in my tummy and I was now feeling quite sick.

I had only been to the vets two days before because of my ears and now I was taking another trip.

It didn't take long for the vet to find x-ray evidence of my crime.

I had to have an operation to remove it but as you can see, I am feeling much better, albeit a little guilty!

Of course I am a Jack Russel so I don't suppose it's going to be long before I will be visiting my Aunty Sara and her friends at Tysul again. Sorry Dad!



Hedgehog Bath-time



This poor hedgehog fell into an oil pit and was covered. Luckily he was discovered and brought in to us. As you can see from the colour of the water it took quite a bit of cleaning by Sally and Jean before most of the oil was gone.

She recovered and ate well over the next 7 days, so was released back to the wild.

The oil pit safely removed to ensure a hedgehog friendly environment.

In the last 10 years hedgehogs have declined by 50% in Britain. This is partly due to our over-use of pesticides and herbicides. To make your garden hedgehog friendly.

- * Keep a wild corner.
- * A fresh saucer of water is always appreciated.
- * A little tinned dog or cat food is enjoyed.
- * If you have a pond, ensure there is a stone or other object that can be used as a safe ramp to get back out.
- * Check fruit netting regularly for caught wildlife.
- * Don't use pesticides if possible.

Hedgehogs seen during the day are likely to be unwell, unless you know they have been disturbed by gardening activities or dogs, seek advice.

* <http://www.stiggywinkles.org>

Where has your new puppy come from?

The Dogs' Trust has found some disturbing facts about puppies coming into this country. There has been a huge surge in imports from Hungary and Lithuania. Most disturbing is that they are coming in with false documentation. Fake passports, false age information, false rabies vaccine records, no worming.... The list went on.

This along side poor border checks means that these puppies are getting into Britain. The chances of them carrying life threatening diseases, such as Rabies or other parasite borne diseases are high.

Our advice remains the same -

Always buy your puppy from somewhere you can visit and see the puppies and mother together.

Do not meet someone in a layby or a pub because you saw the photos online and they looked cute.

Vaccine certificates should be signed and dated and stamped clearly by a veterinary surgeon.

Good breeders will be able to tell you when the puppy was last wormed and what product was used.

From next year all pups will need to be microchipped before leaving the breeder.

If the puppies have docked tails they should be microchipped and have Veterinary Surgeon documentation to accompany it.



Dog Vaccine Changes

For years we have vaccinated against two types of leptospirosis in Britain as these were the only strains found. Elsewhere in the world they have been vaccinating against four. With pet travel becoming more commonplace and the discovery that these other strains are now in Britain, the vaccines had to change. In order to ensure that the new vaccine is effective, it will need a second injection 4 weeks after your booster.

For the next year the vaccine company are offering the second dose **free**. This will ensure everyone coming in for a booster will be protected against all four strains.

When you are in for your booster, make your appointment for 4 weeks time, give us your mobile number and we will send you a text reminder for that appointment.

The Big Tick Survey - going well. More than one in four animals, examined when they came to the vets, had ticks. If your pet has ticks, ask for a nurse appointment so that you can help with Bristol University's on-going research.



We will be holding another coffee morning in support of this great charity again this year. Please put it in your diaries now and come join us for a cake and a cuppa on Friday 25th September.