

# Newsletter

April 2015



## Happy Easter Pasg Hapus

Spring is finally here and a few warm days have had us out in our gardens and seeking long walks on the beach. It is so lovely to see the spring flowers blossoming and watch our pets springing around full of life (or just laying around on a warm windowsill). You may have been involved in helping frogs and toads to cross the roads as I have over the last few weeks. It is always sad to see these lovely amphibians falling prey to our cars. If you would like to know more about how you can help, check out [www.froglife.co.uk](http://www.froglife.co.uk)



Most pets will leave frogs and toads alone but occasional you will get a cat or dog that tries to eat one. This rarely harms your pet. Toads are known to produce a toxin from their skin that is unpleasant and will often result in a lot of drooling from dogs and sometimes quite frothy dribble from cats. In rare circumstances allergic reactions can occur, so if your pet is struggling to breath you need to phone to let us know you are on your way. We need to make sure there is a vet at the practice for your arrival.

### Do you have an elderly cat?

There are many things that we accept just come with age but it is possible to have a longer and more comfortable old age with a little help.

We have set up a **free nursing clinic** to discuss those things on a one to one basis.

You may have noticed Pws becoming more grumpy lately. Is he or she sleeping a lot more and struggling to get up? May be they have become more demanding for food and water? Some cats will appear hungry but refuse food, which can be due to tooth decay. Is the litter tray unusually wet? Have there been accidents in the house?

There are many simple changes that can be made to improve your pets' comfort. Come and chat to one of our nurses and see what you can do to help. Many appointment times are available.

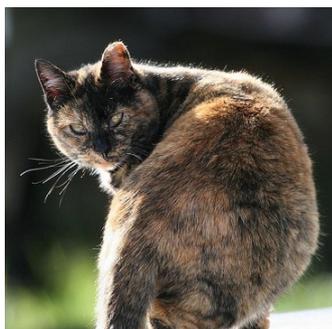


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### OPENING HOURS

MON - FRIDAY

8.30AM - 5.00PM

SATURDAY

9.00AM - 12.00PM

24 HR

EMERGENCY COVER

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NUMBER

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## Did You Know?

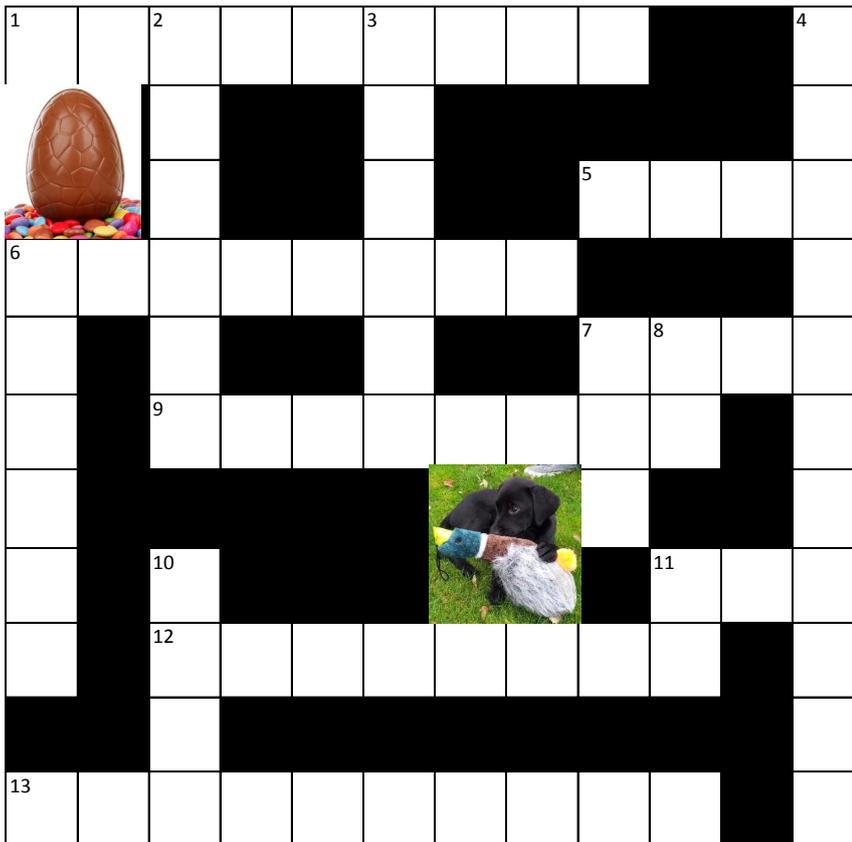
**Gerbils** snog to check they know each other. Apparently the taste of the saliva is more important than the way they look or smell.

**Chinchillas** have the softest fur of the animal kingdom but would rather be bald than be prey to another animal. Their defence is to shed their hair to confuse their captor. The hair does grow back.

**Otters** value companionship so much that they will hold hands whilst they sleep, so they don't drift apart.

**Canned tuna** for people is highly addictive to cats but causes painful liver disease. However much they beg don't give more than a little once a week to avoid problems.

# Crossword - Just for fun



## Clues Across

- Easter eggs are a treat for us but this food can kill dogs if eaten.
- Essential mineral, rarely needing supplementation as it is added to pet foods. Helpful for some skin conditions.
- Type of Terrier that won Crufts this year.
- Male guinea pig
- Much loved high fat food eaten with eggs and bacon. Causes painful pancreatitis in dogs.
- Un-neutered bitches can get a life threatening infection where the womb fills up with \_\_\_\_.
- Most popular breed of dog in uk.
- Keeps car from freezing but this sweet liquid will kill your pets if they drink it.

## Clues Down

- Many layered vegetable that makes us cry and causes anaemia in dogs.
- Dangerous flower if eaten by cats.
- Most popular breed of dog in South Wales in 2015.
- Sleek, fine featured, slightly aloof, hound.
- A place for a weary dog to sleep.
- Latin name for bone
- What blood can't do if your pet has lung worm, which is why we advise worming before ops.
- Department for communicating with the public in big business

## Parasite Treatments

There are many worms, fleas, ticks and mites in the environment that are easily picked up by your pet. There are also a wide range of treatments out there. It may seem strange that we stock different types but they all offer slightly differing benefits.

Did you know that dogs can now be treated for fleas and ticks with a tasty tablet? Or that you could choose between a product that is effective for 1 or 3 months?

A single spot-on for cats can do all fleas, ticks and worms in one product.

The choices the vet makes are based on your pets' health, age and lifestyle, we also consider the health and age of the people around them.

A young puppy that eats slugs & snails and plays with young children will need a different type of treatment to an old cat that never goes out and lives with a healthy adult with good hygiene practices.

Ask the vet, when you are next in, to see which products are best for your pet.

All of the products we use are prescription drugs. Your pet needs to be registered with us so that we can legally dispense any of them.



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.

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

New Shampoos  
Just £3.99



Great smell with Conditioner  
Try them and see!

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.

