

The Vale Veterinary Group Autumn Newsletter



FIREWORKS

Firework night can be a scary time for many animals, however there are many things that can be done to help calm an anxious pet.

- Create a den in a safe place for your pet to hide away
- Walk your dog before dark, and make sure that your cat is shut indoors.
- Make sure your pet is well fed before the fireworks start as this should make them feel sleepy and content
- Shut all your windows and curtains before it gets dark and keep all lights on to mask flashes from fireworks. Leaving the television or radio on will help to mask the noise of any fireworks.
- The most important thing is to carry on as normal, do not touch or make a fuss of your pet if they appear scared as this can reinforce the behaviour.

Don't forget your small furries outside either. Moving them into the garage or placing a thick blanket over their hutch can help to reduce their stress.

Here at The Vale we sell a range of products that can help your pet during this stressful time. These include Zylkene capsules which are a natural product, and also Adaptil (DAP) and Feliway which are plug in diffusers which contain pheromones both proven to help pets in times of stress.

Hedgehogs

If you're having a bonfire this season don't forget about Hedgehogs! They like to investigate bonfires as they are a nice place to hide out and make a home in. Make sure you check your bonfire before lighting and remove any hedgehogs you may find!

Staff News

We welcome Chloe Mitchell one of our receptionists into the nursing team this month as a student nurse. She will start college in September.

Congratulations to Layla Harris and Sammi Bragg our student nurses who have both passed their first year exams this summer.

Congratulations to Anne White one of our large animal vets who has recently become engaged.





FREE NEUTERING FOR YOUR CAT!!!!

Following the success of the last neutering campaign, the East Devon Cats Protection League are once again offering to neuter your cat for **FREE**, in conjunction with us here at the Vale. To qualify, all you need is to live in one of the postcodes detailed below, and own an unneutered cat over 4 months old.

Neutering not only prevents unwanted pregnancies but can stop your cat wandering, thus reducing the chance that they are involved in a road traffic accident. It can also prevent many diseases including a pyometra, a potentially fatal infection of the uterus.

To book your cat in, please call any of our Vale surgeries, and ask to book your cat in for neutering-but hurry, the first 50 cats to be booked in will receive a **FREE** Microchip as well.

(Postcodes-EX5, EX8, EX9, EX10, EX11, EX12, EX13, EX15, EX16, EX24, TA20, DT6, DT7)



PET FOOD

How to support your friend through every stage of life.

We stock the full range of Royal Canin diets for both dogs and cats. This range caters for your animals every need from kitten/puppy up to senior years.

All Royal Canin diets are researched and formulated according to strict ethical requirements so you can be assured that you are buying the best for your pet.

Royal Canin also supply a variety of prescription diets that your vet may recommended for a specific condition your pet may have.

For information and advice on the best food to feed to your pet come and speak to one of our nurses.



Grass seeds

It's that time of year again!! Grass seeds are rife at the moment, so make sure you check your pet thoroughly for any grass seeds when you return from a walk. Grass seeds can become lodged in the feet, ears, eyes and up the nose of your pet and can require surgery to remove.

The Vale Veterinary Centre.
Cullompton 01884 35558. Uffculme 01884 841317.
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Waiting room

- In order to increase the amount of space in our waiting room we are going to make our displays and merchandise more seasonal.
- This month we are going to be promoting firework awareness, and also selling a selection of coats and blankets to help your pet keep warm this coming Autumn/Winter.
- Do come in and have a look.