



October 2016 NEWSLETTER

Dates for your diary

First Aid Evening

12th October
7pm at 40 Yarmouth Road
Light refreshments

Large Animal Practice Open Day

29th October
Come and see what goes on behind the scenes at large animal. See the specialist equipment in use and talk to our vets.
Free barbeque

Geriatric Pets Evening

10th November 7pm
Chris Tomlinson Vet
Sarah Hunter Acupuncture Vet
Carole O'Shaughnessy Massage Therapy
Light refreshments

2015 and March 2016. One in eight were pets that could not be returned as their microchips had not been updated by their owners, it said.

In April, it became a legal requirement for all pet dogs to be microchipped with current contact details. The results come from the organisation's annual survey of local authorities, which also revealed 3,463 stray dogs had been destroyed in the last year.

When you move home, a dog doesn't know its surroundings, but it naturally wants to go home, so it's probably the most crucial time in actually making sure that your chip details are up to date especially if you don't have secure borders in your garden. Owners who fail to microchip their pets with up-to-date contact details face a fine of up to £500.

If you wish to change your details you can log on to the website of petlog, www.petlog.org.uk or ring them 01296 336579

If you wish to have your pet microchipped for just £15.00, ring for an appointment 01692 403202.

“Microchip”

Out Dated Contact Details Leave Animals Unclaimed.

More than 4,700 stray dogs in the UK could not be reunited with their owners last year due to out-dated microchips, animal charity Dogs Trust has said.

The charity found 37,283 dogs were left unclaimed in local authority kennels between April





How can you help to prepare for Firework night?

We are at that time of year which the majority of animals dislike!

Number one are dogs followed by cat's and certain livestock. November 5th: Christmas Day & New Year's Eve, loud screeches, pretty bright lights, almighty bangs, an enjoyable night for all, or so you'd think?

For many dog/cat owners fireworks night is the one night of the year that they have come to dread.

For their dogs, it's the worst time imaginable.

More dogs than you'd think suffer from an enormous amount of stress on firework night, normally due to

a learned fear. Some behaviours that may be seen are:

- Barking incessantly,
- Running away, hiding under chairs and tables
 - Shaking and trembling
- Pawing at their owner for reassurance
 - Escaping, defecation & urination

What can we do to help!

- Provide a den or hiding place where your dog can feel safe.
- Increase your dog's feeling of security by plugging in an Adaptil (or Feliway for your cat) diffuser as close to the den or hiding place as possible, start using the diffuser at least a week before the event. Or purchase a Thunder Shirt again this helps your dog to settle, introduce again at least one week

before the event.

- Ignore fearful behaviour, such as panting, shaking and whining. Dogs may pick up on their owner's anxiety which could make the problem worse. WALK your dog in the day light as this reduces the possibility of fireworks being set off and your dog becoming worried.
- Make sure all windows, doors and cat flaps are securely closed during fireworks night. This will reduce the chances of your pets escaping. Provide distractions.
- Draw curtains and switch on the TV to mask the noise from the fireworks. Try not to leave your pets alone while fireworks are going off, pets will be more relaxed when they have a familiar person with them during this time
- DO NOT punish your pet! This will only make your pet more distressed.
- Dogs especially love to hide somewhere, under the bed or kitchen/dining table. Even better settle them in their crate with a blanket over it.
- Give your dog something to-do, stuffed KONG, Antler chew. By means of chew action helps dogs settle.
- Have a safe place for your cat and keep indoors, place down a litter tray.
- Educate the whole family that Dogs & Cats are sensitive to noise.

Please ring the reception or nurse team for free advice *01692 403202*.



Westover Waffle

Congratulations Mrs Melanie Jordan-Carlisle and Mr Paul Carlisle on their recent marriage.



