



CEDAR SNIPPETS

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OPEN DAY AT VERWOOD

We have now finished the extension to the surgery at Verwood, and are really pleased with the results. The building work went very smoothly, and we now have an extra consulting room and operating suite. This means that we can develop the nurse consultations that we have started at Ringwood, and also can now offer a range of surgery on site. This means that our local clients no longer have to travel to Ringwood for all operations. The more advanced procedures will still be carried out at the Ringwood Hospital where we have the all-night nursing cover, and more specialised equipment.

We would like to invite everyone to our Open Day on

Sunday, 20 July from 10am to 3pm

There will be displays of our work, quizzes for the kids with lots of prizes, a bouncy castle, tombola, and a chance to talk to our Dog Training Team.

DOG AGILITY CLASSES PASS THE FIRST HURDLE

We have all seen them racing around the ring at Crufts, jumping fences and weaving through poles. Great fun! Well, it is now possible for you to join in with your dog. We are fortunate that local trainer, Hannah Mitchell, is working with us to provide dog agility lessons, and these take place on a weekly basis at the Heavy Horse Centre at Verwood. We started in May and already have nine classes going from beginner up to competition standard. Hannah is no stranger to Agility, achieving a third place at Crufts 2003 with her mad Poodle, Bramble.

It is a great way to have some fun, but at the same time improve your dog's obedience. Lessons are not too strenuous for the handler, and we have people of all ages coming to the groups.

For more details, contact Jo Scott on 01202 876100.

CONGRATULATIONS

All our best wishes go to our vet, Collette Gibbs, who has recently married Mark to become Collette Jaffarji. Collette has been with us for 8 years now, so most of you will have met her by now.

Well done to Stephanie Hawker and Kirsten Crisp, who have both passed their Veterinary Nursing Finals, and are now fully qualified.

Also well done to Karen Church who has passed the Part 1 of the VN exam.

FAREWELL

We also say goodbye to Campbell Low, and wish him all the best in his new position.

DOES YOUR DOG SUFFER FROM CAR SICKNESS??

WE need dogs to enter a trial for a new drug designed to help with car sickness. Does your dog suffer from this common problem? Please ask at any surgery if you may

CARNIVAL CAPERS

Some of you may have seen our Ambulance draped in balloons and being driven by a large pink pig! No, this is not the new uniform for our Ambulance driver, David, but our entry into the Verwood carnival procession this year. Our theme was "All Creatures Great & Small", and a very good time was had by everyone (even if it was a little hot in those costumes!)

Hopefully, we will be appearing in another local Carnival shortly ... watch this space!!



GENUINE 24 HOUR COVER

When you leave your pet with us overnight at our Ringwood Hospital you want to be assured that he or she is being well cared for. Only our own vets cover our out of hours work, so if you have an emergency you can be sure that someone you know will be there to help you.

Our nursing team works in shifts so that there is always someone available, providing nursing care for your pets in hospital. All Veterinary Hospitals must, of course, have nursing staff sleeping on site overnight, and this is an expensive service to offer. We feel strongly that sick animals should not be left alone while under our care - they would probably be better off at home!