



CEDAR SNIPPETS

The Newsletter of Cedar Veterinary Group

September 2003

OPENING HOURS:

RINGWOOD HOSPITAL
69 Christchurch Rd
Ringwood
01425 473683

Mon-Sat:
Appointments all day

VERWOOD SURGERY
17 Ringwood Rd
Verwood
01202 825217

Mon-Fri:
Morning and Afternoon ap-
pointments available.
Tuesday:
Appointments to 7.30pm

Saturday:
Appointments morning only

FERNDOWN SURGERY
522 Wimborne Rd E
Ferndown
01202 861622

Mon-Fri:
Appointments 9.00-
10.00am and in
afternoon

Saturday:
Appointments 9.00
to 11.00am

EMERGENCY SERVICE

24 hrs a day,
365 days a year
Phone your local surgery and
you will be diverted to the vet
on duty

PARVOVIRUS IN NEW FOREST

Many of you will have heard that Parvovirus has been isolated from a dog in the New Forest. This virus causes very severe diarrhoea and permanent damage to the intestines. Without aggressive therapy it is often fatal, and the virus can survive for a long time in the environment. Fortunately it is one of the diseases which your pets are vaccinated for each year, so those of you with vaccinated pets do not need to worry. It does not spread to other animals or humans.

National statistics estimate that only about 55% of dog owners vaccinate their dogs. We see the dreadful effects of these diseases, and we are therefore committed to trying to improve on this number.

There have been worries about safety of vaccines, although an independent review recently came out strongly in support of vaccination. While we have seen temporary side effects, these are very uncommon, and they are a lot less serious for your pet than contracting the disease.

Obviously, cost can be a factor, so we are introducing some special offers over the next few months to try to help our clients to vaccinate their pets. Also, our new payment schemes will assist you to spread the cost over several months, by using Direct Debit.

Our Verwood Surgery extension is now up and running, and those of you who came to our Open Day there in July will have had a chance to look around. The extra space has allowed us to carry out less serious surgical procedures there, and this will save our Verwood clients and their pets from the journey into Ringwood, which although not far, is another job to fit into a busy day, and a bit more stress for your pet! Neutering cats and male dogs, removing lumps, and other such procedures can now be performed at the operating theatre there. Ask at Reception for more details.

RIMADYL PRICE FALLS

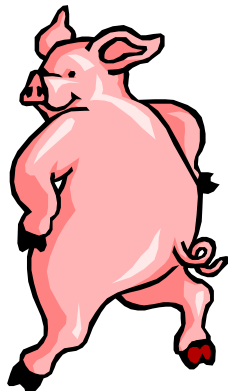
Many of you will have pets who take Rimadyl tablets to help ease them through the pain of arthritis, and we are glad to bring you some good news!

Another drug company has brought out an identical tablet—called NOROCARP—and this is now available at 20% lower price than the same Rimadyl tablet. Therefore we will be suggesting that all animals on Rimadyl change to NOROCARP, and the only thing you should notice is a slightly heavier pocket!

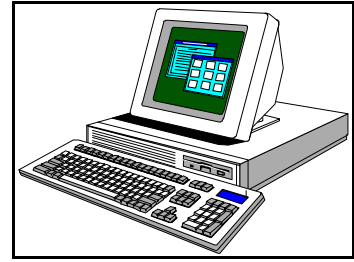
RINGWOOD CARNIVAL

It was great to be able to wave to so many of you on the Carnival Procession. Our theme was "It shouldn't happen to a vet", and was based on the idea that our patients had taken over the surgery, and what would they do to the vets to get their revenge?! We all had a lot of fun, and even won a 2nd prize in our section! We would like to thank everyone who gave us money on the way round for the Carnival Charities.

Signed The Pink Pig!!!



OUR WEBSITE GOES LIVE



We have now finished our new look website, and will be going live on 1 October, so please take a little time to have a look. On it you will find lots of details about your Practice, and the people who care for your pets.

There is also the facility to order repeat prescriptions and pet food, or contact us with questions. We hope that this will be more convenient for those clients who are at work out of the area most of the time. You can leave a message for us at any time, and all messages will be read on the next working day.

Photos of our patients are dotted throughout the site—we call them our "Pet Idols". We plan to change them every few months, so if you want to see your pet on the net, drop us a photo, and we will arrange it. All photos will be returned to you.

The address is:

www.cedarvets.com

PET CARE SCHEMES

We are just completing the final stages of a number of exciting Petcare Schemes. Many of our clients have told us that they would like to be able to spread the cost of treatment over a period of time.

Our Petcare Schemes are designed for pets at different stages of their lives, and aim to help you to give your pet the best in preventive health care. We will provide you with all you need to keep your pet fit and well for a year - vaccinations, wormers, flea treatment and much more - at a greatly reduced price. On top of that you can pay for this over twelve months by Direct Debit.

Look out for details in the surgeries over the next few months...