



VERWOOD NEWSLETTER

"PUTTING YOUR PETS FIRST"

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WE ARE STAYING PUT!

You may have heard that there has been a Planning Application for conversion of our site at 17 Ringwood Road. Although the owner of our property is going ahead with the Application, we can assure you that we have agreed terms, and we will be remaining at

our current site .

We do have some interesting plans for the building during 2002. Subject to further Planning Permission, we are hoping to add an extra consulting room and operating theatre. This will enable us to run clinics with our qualified Veterinary Nurses, and perform some operations on site. As the Practice has become increasingly busy, thanks to your support, we are really feeling the lack of space!

EVENING OPENING

As more and more people in Verwood commute to other parts for their jobs, we have found that there is a real need for an evening service for non-emergency veterinary attention. We are planning to start an evening surgery (appointment only) every Tuesday night from 5 March, and we hope this will allow some clients to get to us more easily. We are also open on Saturday morning until 1.00pm

Just to remind you, our consultations are all by appointment :

Mon & Fri	8.30am to 6.30pm
Tuesday	8.30am to 7.30pm (LATE OPENING)
Wed & Thurs	8.30am to 6.00pm
Saturday	8.30am to 1.00pm

The surgery is now open all day, including lunchtime in case you want to collect wormers, flea treatment, food or repeat prescriptions.

OUR PRACTICE TEAM

STEPHEN COLLINS, Vet

Stephen is Partner in charge of the Verwood surgery. He lives in Verwood with his wife Nickie, two daughters, Bethan and Anna, his cat, Dylan and dog, Alfie. When not consulting at Verwood, he is usually seeing difficult heart cases referred by other Practices. Stephen holds the RCVS Certificate in Cardiology.

DARREN LUCAS, Vet

Darren runs the Verwood surgeries with Stephen. Cynics would say that Darren's popularity is something to do with his good looks, but of course we all know that it is because he is such a great vet! Darren is studying for his RCVS Certificate in Ophthalmology.

LIN, Reception

You will all know Lin as she has been with us since 1988, and looks after the morning shift. She has one cat, Smokey

SANDIE, Reception

Sandie has been with us since 1991, and looks after the early afternoon slot. She has a house full of dogs, cats and horses.

MARGARET, Reception

Margaret joined us last Summer and covers the late afternoon surgery. She has two mad Spaniels! (Aren't they all!)

FREE FOOD DELIVERY

WE now sell a lot of Eukanuba food to our clients. It is an excellent, high quality food for dogs and cats. We would certainly encourage our clients to feed this or one of the other premium brand foods to keep your pet in the best condition. We have been able to secure a very good deal with Iams so that we can offer it at a price that is very competitive.

From 1 March, you can have your food delivered free of charge to your home or workplace in our veterinary ambulance as long as it is within 5 miles of Verwood. Orders can be taken over the phone with a credit card. We can provide most makes of food. Ask at Reception for more details.



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 up all night, providing nursing care for your pets in hospital. All Veterinary Hospitals must, of course, have nursing staff sleeping on site overnight, but we believe that we are the only Hospital in our area to provide round the clock nursing care routinely.