

NEWS



CONGRATULATIONS

Louise and Dawn have passed their written Level 3 Veterinary Nursing exams. The practical exams are coming up soon, we know they will be great and wish them all the best.

WELCOME

We would like to welcome Louise Anderson to the Campbell and Galloway team. Louise qualified from Glasgow Vet School and has since worked in small animal practices in London. She has a special interest in Dermatology and gained her RCVS Certificate in Veterinary Dermatology in 2001.

Now that Louise has moved home again she will be working part time with us.
(Picture below of Louise and her dog Ruby- Doberman)



THANK YOU

Elsbeth would like to thank everyone for all of the luck you have wished her in her future studies. We know her clients and patients will miss her, but she will hopefully come back to work now and then for a few days.



As many of you will know Louise, one of our nurses, was running the Paisley 10K for Cats Protection.

She raised £554.00 and would like to thank you for all of your support.



When your pet is due their booster we send a card remind you, some of you will have seen our new printed ones. We can choose what photo to put on the front each month and we would like our patients on the front so if you have a cute picture of your pet playing, misbehaving, sleeping or doing something funny then send it to us! We will pick one to use for November and December. We will send you a card if your pet is chosen, even if their booster isn't due.

REMEMBER
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PETS THIS NOVEMBER!

Bonfire night, Christmas and new year celebrations may seem a long way from now but we advise you start thinking about these times of year for your pet. A survey has shown that 60% of pets have a fear of fireworks this can be shown in many different ways.

SIGNS OF FEAR AND STRESS

- Destruction
- Wetting and soiling in the house.
- Vocalisation.
- Salivation.
- Vomiting.
- Panting.
- Withdrawn from interaction and activity.
- Food behaviour changes.
- Scratching.
- Aggression.
- Over grooming

TIPS

- Provide a hiding place like a den for your pet, have this as their space through the year so they have a place that they feel safe in when they need it.
- Have the doors, windows and curtains shut to help muffle the sounds from outside. Also have the TV or radio on.

- Take your dog for a walk BEFORE the fireworks start and keep all pets inside whilst firework displays are on.
- Don't give them any more attention than you would do in a normal situation when they are not scared. This will make them worse as to them it will seem that you are also unsettled by the events that make them scared.
- Don't punish or be angry by your pets behaviour but give them praise when they come out of a hiding place or settle in a normal behaviour.

Treatments to help manage stress in your pet:

DOGS

DAP® - Dog Appeasing Pheromone. All lactating females release an 'appeasing pheromone' to reassure their offspring, DAP® releases a synthetic copy of these pheromones to help dogs feel more relaxed and happy. DAP® comes in a range of ways including a plug in diffuser, collar and spray. We recommend that the plug in is used in room your dog spends most time in. It is ideal for stress such as fireworks and fears inside the home. It lasts for 4 weeks. The collar is best used if your dog has a fear outside or if they are going

into kennels. It last for 4 weeks. The spray is usually used for dogs that get stressed when travelling in the car, it can be sprayed into car before the dog gets in this makes it a more appealing place to the dog.

Scullcap and Valerian®

Made from the Valerian plant root it is used to help calming and relaxation in both animals and humans. It forms weak bonds with receptors in the brain to give the calming effect. We routinely use this in our epileptic patients to help keep them calm which makes it less likely for them to fit.

CATS

Feliway® - is a synthetic copy of the feline facial pheromone. When your cat is happy they rub their head against objects and mark these with their scent as a safe and secure territory, this is called their facial pheromone. Feliway® comes in a plug in adapter and a travel spray. The plug in is best used in the room where your cat spends most of its time. The travel spray can be sprayed in to their travel box, cattery pen and car if these are stressful situations for your cat.

DOGS AND CATS

Zylkène® - can be used to help stress in both dogs and cats. It is a powder that can be mixed into food or be given whole. It contains a protein that is found in

a mother's milk. The active ingredient binds to receptors in the brain which has a calming influence, in some ways it is similar to tranquilliser drugs but with out the side effects.

With all of these methods we recommend you start them at least two weeks in advance of the stressful event. If you need any more information or have any queries then please call to discuss them with one of our nurses or pop in to see them.

NEW **ARRIVALS**

Tiger and Varjak
D.O.B 05.07.09



Tom, Dick and Harry
(From right to left)
Golden Retrievers
Brothers D.O.B11.07.09

Jake
Lhasa Apso
D.O.B 15.06.09



Bilko-
Norwegian Forest
D.O.B 01.05.09



Litter of Beagles
D.O.B 14.07.09
Daisy, Alfie, Buster, Bandit



Padraig Springer
Spaniel
D.O.B 19.06.09



PET OF THE MONTH
TOBY

Toby is a 3-year-old Border Collie who has recently been castrated. He had a retained testicle which made the operation more invasive as we had to locate it in his abdomen before removing it. Toby had some complications that can happen so easily with many types of surgery. The full story will be on our website shortly, look out for it!



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