

What's Happening at The Pets Practice Care through excellence



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Welcome to the first edition of our Newsletter, designed to keep you up to date with what's happening at The Pets Practice this summer.

ONLINE

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Our website is a great resource, with lots of news and helpful tips and not forgetting our latest feature - Pet of the Month! April 2009 tells the story of little Yorkshire Terrier Mitzi, who suffers from diabetes which has made her blind. None of these problems stop her from having a happy life and a very waggy tail! Read all about Mitzi on the website and find out who the latest Pet of the Month will be.

The website also has all our latest offers and promotions as well as helpful features on pet care, health and well-being, plus much, much more.

CONSULTING TIMES

8am to 8pm Monday to Friday

8am to 6pm Saturday and Sunday

Call for an appointment on

020 8561 2123



24 HOUR VET CARE
020 8561 2123

On-site A&E centre
24 hours, 7 days a week

The Pets Practice, 1334-1336 Uxbridge Road, Hayes End, Middlesex, UB4 8JG

Keyhole surgery hits The Pets Practice

At the Pets Practice we have invested heavily in new equipment to offer the most advanced treatments available to your pet – keyhole surgery is the latest of these.

Keyhole surgery reduces the pain of surgery and allows us to examine parts of the body that would otherwise not be accessible.

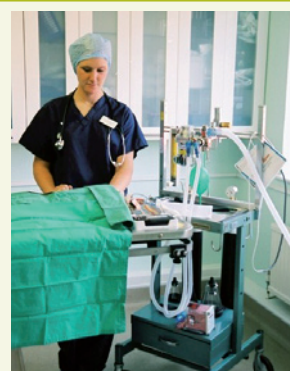
We are now able to examine and treat a multitude of problems by using this minimally-invasive technique, ranging from stomach and colon problems, bladder problems, joint problems and more, leading to less

post-operative pain and faster recovery times. We are one of only a handful of London vet practices offering this advanced treatment.

Ultrasound

In line with our move towards improving our diagnostic ability and reducing pain for our patients, The Pets Practice now offers a full chest and abdominal ultrasound service.

The benefits of ultrasound examinations for animals are the same as for humans – it is possible to look at internal organs in a painless, non-



invasive way to assess if there is any abnormality. This procedure is completely pain-free for the animal, allowing us to give you an advanced diagnosis and improved treatment for your pet.



Kennel Cough: is your pet protected?

Kennel cough is a highly contagious condition in dogs and is easily spread wherever dogs meet – out on walks at training classes, dog shows and, of course, in boarding kennels.

Dogs with kennel cough typically have a dry hacking cough, commonly followed by retching. The cough is often described as having a 'honking' sound. In mild cases, dogs will continue to eat and be active and alert. However, in more severe cases the symptoms may progress and include lethargy, fever and lack of interest in food. While some mildly affected dogs recover relatively rapidly (usually in 5-10 days), others may take several weeks to recover fully and antibiotic treatment is often required.

The condition is caused by a mixture of viruses and a bacterium - *Bordetella Bronchiseptica*. Although your pet's regular booster vaccinations should provide protection against the viral components of the cough, only an intranasal vaccine given via drops can offer protection against *Bordetella*. Don't take any chances with kennel cough - contact us to ensure your pet is vaccinated!

Free advice at our Nurse Clinics

All our Veterinary Nurses are fully qualified and we run many free health clinics at the practice. Would you like to discuss the best diet for your pet? Is their breath a bit smelly? Has your pet gained a few pounds recently? Why not book an appointment with one of our nurses for free – we'll be very happy to help.

Open 24 hours - why are we different?

If your pet needs to be hospitalised at The Pets Practice, you can be sure that they will receive the very best overnight monitoring and treatment.

Unlike most other practices, we have qualified Vets and Nurses on-site 24 hours a day, every day, ensuring that your pet receives excellent care, round the clock.

If you are concerned that your pet is unwell, but thought we would be shut, think again! Just pick up the phone and call us on **020 8561 2123** - we are here to help day or night.

Ongoing staff training

Keeping abreast of the latest developments in diagnostics enables us to offer your pet the best and most advanced treatment available, so we make sure that our staff regularly attend training courses by top specialists.