

# THE PRIORY POST

The official newsletter of Priory Lodge Vets

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## HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OUR CLIENTS!

Sorry for the radio silence since our last newsletter — we've had a couple of very busy years! Though haven't we all? We are keen to resume our quarterly newsletters to keep all our lovely clients up to date with everything we're doing at Priory Lodge!



Priory Lodge Vets  
*Caring for pets*

## WELCOMING OUR NEW LOOK...

You may have noticed that new snazzy logo up in the right hand corner, don't worry we're still the same old vets! Priory Lodge is currently going through a much needed re-vamp, with many improvements being made throughout the practice. When visiting us you'll notice our new sign outside and our staff sporting their new uniforms too! Priory Lodge is also about to launch an online booking system, as part of our brand new website! How 2022 of us!

We'll also let you in on a little secret... we've got development plans in progress to be able to offer our clients even more services and support for their pets! The future is looking bright for the Priory Lodge community, and we couldn't be more excited!

## COVID UPDATE

We are still closely following government guidelines and kindly asking that all clients wear face coverings into the practice. We know you want to be there for your pet during their visit, so the vets are allowing clients into the consultation rooms but asking that you take a seat whilst your pet is examined. A vet nurse will be waiting eagerly to help (and cuddle) your pet during their examination.

## HAPPY PETS CLUB

Our new and improved monthly subscription service for dogs and cats

The Happy Pets Club covers their annual vaccination and preventative treatments against a broad range of parasites. The best thing about this service is that your pets parasite treatments are delivered straight to your door every month! No journeys to the vets to collect and no forgetting when its due, fabulous! As well as the main benefits stated, you also get:

20% off all consultations and kennel cough vaccination (for dogs), 10% off pet food & accessories bought at the practice, dental treatments, and long term medications, and to top it off free nail clips with a nurse!

## Opening Times

Monday	08:30-18:30
Tuesday	08:30-18:30
Wednesday	08:30-18:30
Thursday	08:30-18:30
Friday	08:30-18:30
Saturday	08:30-12:00
Sunday	CLOSED

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## STAFF NEWS

Very exciting news for Amelia our student vet nurse, who has just started at Plumpton College in Sept' 2021 to undertake her vet nursing diploma.



Congratulations to Steph on becoming a Senior Registered Vet Nurse in Nov 2020.



GOODBYE to Grace, our Registered Vet Nurse aka "The cat whisperer", who is relocating to London. Good luck Grace, we'll miss you!



## WINTER HEALTH TIPS

With the temperatures dropping around this time of year, its not only us that need to be careful out there — we need to watch out for our pets too!

### Watch your step!

As it drops below freezing, black ice provides a serious slip hazards for both you and your pets. So watch your step when you're out and about!

### Achy joints?

May of us can relate that the old arthritic joints start seizing up as soon as the temperature drops. So make sure to keep your old pets active for short periods throughout the day—although its nice to lay in a warm bed all day, it only makes them stiffer.

### Grit or not to Grit...

When the ground becomes icy we go straight to the rock salt to solve our problems, but were creating an even bigger problem for our pets. Walking on gritted paths/roads can irritate your pets paws, and when ingested through grooming, large amounts can be very dangerous or even deadly. So ensure to clean your pet's feet after walks or invest in booties to protect their little paws!

### Antifreeze

Think before grabbing your handy antifreeze spray to defrost your car if you've got cats! Antifreeze is extremely toxic to cats and will often be ingested through grooming after venturing outside, walking through puddles left by our defrosting cars. Signs can start to show as little as 30 minutes after ingestion, to include vomiting and a 'drunk-like' state. Contact us immediately if you are concerned.



## HOT TOPICS

Arthritis affects most of our senior companions and is unfortunately a non-curable and progressive disease. The aches and pains are often worse when the weather is colder. Subtle changes to your pet's routine can be your pet's way of telling you that something is wrong.

\*Reluctance to go for a walk or walking shorter distances.

\*Stiffness when getting up after resting.

\*Less inclined to climb stairs or jump on or off the sofa.

Talk to us about our new "wonder drug" that can be given monthly - we've seen some AMAZING RESULTS In both cats and dogs !

## NEW YEAR... NEW ME

If your pet is struggling to lose those extra pounds after Christmas (we've all been there) our nursing team can help and support you with a tailored diet plan for your pet. They can customise the plan to suit your pet's needs, and offer free weight checks every 2-4 weeks to keep you accountable. You are not alone, some of us haven't even shifted those few extra pounds gained in lockdown...

Being an ideal weight is super important for your pet's health, providing benefits such as better mobility, less likely to need long term medications, less vet visits—a happier pet! The health risks are very concerning, such as diabetes, early onset arthritis, hypothyroidism, heart conditions and exercise intolerance.