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We cannot believe how quickly time flies by as on 6<sup>th</sup> March we will have been open for 4 years. We continue to enjoy meeting you and all your pets and we are overwhelmed by how busy we have been. Thank you for all your support.



Sadly we have to say goodbye to our receptionist Jan Redfern in this newsletter as she retired in December. Jan has been with us since we opened 4 years ago and the practice is not the same without her. We will miss her a great deal and are sure that lots of you will too. Jan is still very busy playing lots of Bridge and Line Dancing and we hope she will find time to still visit us a lot as well! We want to thank her for all her hard work and wish her a very long, happy and healthy retirement.

Mandy Belsey will now be covering evening reception from 4.30pm to 7pm and at the weekends. Many of you may have already met Mandy as she started with us at the beginning of December. Mandy is animal mad and has 4 cats, 2 guinea pigs and a Russian Hamster at home which keep her busy when she is not at work and she is looking forward to meeting you all with your pets.



**Hearing Dogs**  
*for Deaf People*

Huge thanks to all who have contributed so generously to Simon's marathon fund-raising efforts. So far, he has raised over **£2000** for Hearing Dogs for Deaf People, and with the race fast approaching, the miles covered in training are rapidly increasing before the big

day on 25<sup>th</sup> April! You can still sponsor Simon and support a very worthy cause either by going to [www.justgiving.com/simon-knowles](http://www.justgiving.com/simon-knowles) or by completing the sponsorship form on the front desk at reception. Once again, thank you all very, very much for your generous support so far. We wish Simon lots of luck on the 25<sup>th</sup> April and look forward to letting you know how he does in the next newsletter.

We also have some great offers for you in the coming months:-

Throughout **March** we are offering all pets **half price microchipping**. This is an amazing offer and will give you the peace of mind that your pet is much more likely to be returned to you if lost. During March to have your pet microchipped will cost just £12.50. So book your appointment now by calling us on **01227 832322**. Appointments are available 7 days a week.

We are also designating the whole of **April 'Spring Clean Month'** and are offering you the chance to 'Spring Clean' your pet of all the fleas and worms that will be multiplying rapidly as the weather gets warmer.

You can book a **free** 'Spring Clean' consult with lots of helpful advice on flea and worm treatment for your pet and home. We have a huge range of products to suit the needs of your particular pet, ranging from liquids and granules to pills, sprays and spot-ons and we are more than happy to do the treatment for you when you bring your pet in. These consults are available 7 days a week throughout April so ring on **01227 832322** and book a time that is convenient for you.



26<sup>th</sup> April – 2<sup>nd</sup> May is **Rabbit Awareness Week**. Throughout the week we will be offering **free Rabbit Health and Weight Checks** with one of our team of qualified vets or nurses and we will be offering 10% off all Rabbit vaccinations. This is the time of year that all rabbit owners should ensure their pets myxomatosis vaccines are up to date. We saw a worryingly high number of cases last year and several rabbits that we were unfortunately unable to save.

Myxomatosis is a very debilitating and often fatal disease and vaccination will provide protection and peace of mind so please book your rabbit in to see us. More details about Rabbit week can be found on the website [www.rabbitawarenessweek.co.uk](http://www.rabbitawarenessweek.co.uk).

We are holding our annual **Open Day** on **Bank Holiday Monday 3rd May** from 12 – 4pm. We will have lots of animals to see and touch, face painting, and a chance for you to have a look behind the scenes and talk to us all as well as an easy quiz with great prizes to be won. All the shops in the yard will be open so it should be a fun day out and we would love to see you all.

We are also holding a fun **Charity Dog Show** on **Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> June**, further details will follow in the next newsletter, but keep the date free as this is a really fun day out for all the family with lots of novelty classes such as Musical Sit and the Sausage Race and also a fantastic Dog Agility Display.

We now send our newsletter out to well over 2000 people and would be grateful if on your next visit you could spend a few moments with one of our receptionists, Carol or Mandy just checking all your details are up to date. In particular if you would like to receive future newsletters and reminders by email please let us know your email address. You can always contact us on email if you have any questions or need to book an appointment. Our address is [info@bournevets.co.uk](mailto:info@bournevets.co.uk) and we will always get back to you the same day. We can also arrange repeat prescriptions by email, but as with phone requests we require 24 hours notice before you pick the drugs up.



Please note, over Easter we will be open as normal on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> April from 9am until 5pm but on Good Friday, Easter Sunday and Easter Monday there will be no routine appointments, emergency service only, so if you have any concerns please book in for a check up before the Easter break.

We have some great Easter treats for your pets. As the theobromine in chocolate is toxic to dogs and cats we have carob or rawhide Easter eggs for dogs and yoghurt and catnip Easter eggs for cats. Please come in and have a look! We wish you all a very Happy Easter.