



Border Vets Newsletter

June 2018

Hot Summer Offers

I'm struggling for a theme this month as we've got too many things going on!

Firstly, the month of June features **Rabbit Awareness Week** and as usual we are supporting it by offering FREE check-ups for rabbits for clients brining in this newsletter. We are really keen to invite any rabbit that has never been to the vet before and even better if they belong to a child. We will give them a thorough check over from nose to tail and can talk you through all aspects of caring for a pet rabbit.

NEWSFLASH

If your pet is a member of our Pet Health Club then pop in to collect your Rearguard in June to protect against maggots.



Next up is our sizzling Proplan offer that is too good to miss. Throughout June we are offering 25% off the whole Proplan range which is ON TOP of our 6th bag free loyalty card scheme. We stock a wide range of 3Kg bags and can order in the larger bags with

24hrs notice so give us a call if you would like to place an order to collect the next day.

On to holiday planning. If you are booking your pet in to cattery or kennel or even if you are using a pet sitter, consider if they need a vaccine booster. Dogs might need **Kennel Cough** vaccine in addition to their usual yearly jag. This can be done at the same time (it costs less to do them together) and the Kennel Cough vaccine lasts for a full year.

Last up is **parasites**. Fleas and ticks are certainly active at this time of year. As it gets warmer, flies might start bothering your rabbit so protection against maggots is something to consider. Next month we'll give you a reminder that the Harvest Mites will be on their way too!

Holiday Prep

It's that time of year when you might be thinking about booking a holiday trip to the kennel for your beloved pooch or a boarding cattery for puss.

So have you dug out their vaccine card and checked they are up to date? Dogs might need the extra kennel cough vaccine that goes up their nose too. We also recommend making sure your pet is protected against fleas just in case they come home with some six-legged friends!

If your pet gets stressed at this time of year then there is help available – book an appointment with a vet or nurse to talk about the complimentary therapies available.



The affordable plan to help keep your pet healthy.



As a loving owner, we know your pet's healthcare is your top priority.

Our Pet Health Club is the simple way to look after your pet's health whilst saving money.

By spreading the cost of essential treatments including vaccinations, worm and flea treatments for your dog or cat over 12 months, our Pet Health Club makes pet care more affordable.

Your pet gets their annual vaccination against potentially dangerous diseases, and protection against internal and external parasites.

To keep your pet in peak condition, we provide regular health checks with your vet, as early diagnosis of problems will help your pet to live a long, healthy life.

Plus, benefit from great discounts with 10% off food, and other services and products.

Pet Health Club can help to ease the worry and financial strain of owning a pet.

For further information please speak to a member of our team

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**PET
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Bag it and Bin it

Do you know we stock fetching Border Vets poo bags at £2.99 for 50?

We have heard they are the connoisseur's choice for poo bags as they don't leak or break, they are big enough for a big dog and are 100% biodegradable.

Have you seen Maggie's article in the Gala Life about keeping our environment clean?



Noise Phobias

You might not be thinking about noise phobias at this time of year but if your pet suffers badly from noise phobias in the winter associated with fireworks then now is a good time to think about behaviour training.

Desensitising your pet to fireworks noises can be done with a CD of noises. This is always best done under the guidance of a vet or APBC approved pet behaviour councillor. If you would like more information then please pop in or give us a call.

Please stay in touch!

I'm sure you've all been reading in the news lately about GDPR, and maybe even wondered what it's all about? or even received lots of emails from companies that you didn't even know had your emails address? The General Data Protection Regulation, or GDPR, is a regulation in EU law on data protection and privacy for all individuals within the European Union. It changes the way companies handle and process your data. Personal data is covered by GDPR but not pet data.

To get ready for GDPR we have updated our privacy policy, and if you need to understand how we handle your data please have a read of this on our website - bordervets.co.uk

They key change for us is needing permission to send you our monthly newsletter, and other news, updates and promotions. If you'd like to stay in touch then please call one of our surgeries and ask to update your consent permissions.

This might be a good time to check we've got your details up to date, and even let us know how you'd like to hear from us. We're now able to send emails, texts or letters if you prefer.

We believe that our care for your pets doesn't stop at the surgery door, so we'll continue to send you vaccine, flea and wormer reminders. However, if at any time you want to stop us sending you information please just give one of the surgeries a call.



Meet the Team!

Clinical Director, Carla answers 8 quick questions



1) Did you always know that you wanted to be a vet?

Yes, I told my parents I wanted to be a vet when I was 3 years old.

2) We know you've always been into sport and you competed on horses in your younger days. Did you win any trophies?

A few! I made national squads in 4 sports and I won the bronze medal with my pony at the World Champs for Mounted Games (Google it)

3) What made you decide to start Border Vets with Mel rather than just working for a practice?

I think for an ambitious person like myself, it was just a natural career progression.

4) What's your favourite part about the job?

That's easy - getting to be Auntie Carla to so many lovely pets. I love wagging tails and purrs.

5) Tell us a bit about Dan, your German Pointer (and our Border Vets mascot)

He is very cuddly and sweet. He has come to work with me every day since he was a small puppy, and he always makes me smile.

6) We know you don't have much free time but what do you like to do when you do have a holiday?

I love to go mountain biking - before we started Border Vets Mel and I used to race on the Scottish Circuit. Of course we are a lot older and slower now but it's still great fun.

7) We know you like to encourage the Border Vets team to take part in local community events. Last year it was the Mighty Deerstalker and touch rugby at Melrose. So what's next?

Touch rugby starts soon so we'll be doing that again, and this year we are sponsoring the Innerleithen Lawn Bowling Club. An open day at Gala is also on the cards so watch our Facebook page for that.

8) What's your favourite food?

Pizza or Chocolate - it's a tie.

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