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VETERINARY SERVICES

NEWSLETTER

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SPECIAL SHOUT OUT TO FOUR OF OUR TEAM

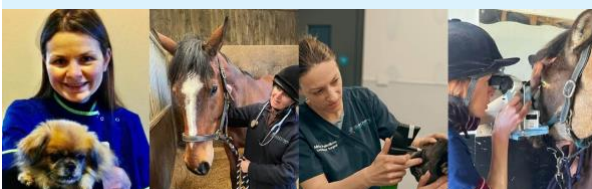
RCVS Advanced Practitioner status is a professional designation.

It signifies that a veterinarian has demonstrated advanced knowledge, skills, and competence in a specific area of veterinary practice beyond their initial degree and continue with ongoing professional study in a particular area.

We are thrilled to say that this designation applies to four of our veterinary surgeons, including Clinical Directors, Anna Jennings and Laura Trigg, and our ophthalmology veterinary surgeons Miroslava Palenikova (Mirka) and Sarah Cooper.

Advanced Practitioner is recognised by the RCVS providing the public with additional assurances that the individual has undertaken further study and ongoing professional development in a particular area of clinical practice.

We are so proud that four of our team have gained this status.



A very warm welcome

To Nicole Hendy who is the new Dispensary & Stock Co-Ordinator, we hope you will be really happy here, and don't forget
#OnceASeadownerAlwaysASeadowner!



SPECIAL PATIENT STORIES

Thank you to Bobble - the star cat whose story went viral

We just wanted to give a very special shout out to wonderful rescue cat, Bobble who you may remember had to have her ears removed due to cancer as a result of sun damage. Just a few weeks ago Bobble's story was on most media outlets, allowing her to convey an important message to all pet owners to be mindful of sun damage, particularly on exposed areas with little hair and with pink skin.

Our thanks to her lovely owner Karen for allowing us to tell Bobble's story and to our wonderful vet Katie for her tremendous surgery and care.



The Unexpected Patient

Polly was an unexpected patient over a recent weekend. She's a beautiful 4 year old, rescue Labradoodle x Terrier, who happened to be travelling with her Mum and Dad (Ruth and Richard) on a holiday road trip from Norwich down to Cornwall, via Hythe where Polly's Mum stopped for a couple of days to stay with an old friend.

Poor Polly became unwell, refusing food and continually being sick, at 6.30pm on the Saturday night, Ruth called Seadown's 'out of hours service' for advice.

The team advised Polly should be seen in case she was becoming dehydrated. A good job too, because on examination, our lovely veterinary surgeon felt something. An x-ray later, and Polly was in surgery to remove a stone.

We are thrilled to say that the lovely Polly is now completely better and enjoying life.

As Ruth says, dogs can be unpredictable but acting quickly and not being afraid to ask for advice is so Important.



And a few farewells but not goodbye.

We have recently said farewell to three Customer Advisors as they head off into retirement. Our very best wishes, with heartfelt thanks for all the support and laughter they have brought to the team, go to Maggie Bond, Lesley Hampson and Tricia Downing. With over 40 years' service between them they will be sorely missed.



Healthy Pet Club Reminder

Please don't forget we have a great 'Healthy Pet Club' scheme which helps spread costs and save money on your pet's healthcare. For more details please do check our website for more information

www.seadownvets.co.uk/seadown-healthy-pet-club



OPHTHALMOLOGY FEATURE

The Eyes Have it!

Unlike other veterinary practices in the New Forest area, Seadown also offers an excellent ophthalmology referral service for equines and all small animals.

Not Just Conjunctivitis ... A Hidden Danger! TV presenter's grass seed warning for dog owners.

Recently, several news items have aired on the BBC and ITV with our client Chris Packham. If you saw the news bulletins, you would have heard Chris and our lovely vet Mirka, who is an Advanced Practitioner in Veterinary Ophthalmology, warning people to be aware of the risk grass seeds pose to dogs, after one of Chris's dogs, Nancy had been rushed to Seadown.

Chris very kindly offered to talk about his experience, **OUR APPRECIATION AND THANKS GO TO** Chris and all involved for making the time to create this very important news story. It was so helpful in showing the importance of checking your pet's eyes, paws, ears etc after walks, especially at this time of year.



Entropion surgery

Luna is a beautiful Great Dane who had to have entropion surgery.

Entropion surgery corrects an eyelid that turns inward, often due to weakened muscles or scarring, causing significant pain.

Dogs often display signs like watery eyes or rubbing, squinting, and appear depressed and not playful.

The correction typically involves tightening and repositioning the eyelid tissues, some of the procedures have to correct the length of the eyelids to ensure good alignment of the eyelid margins.

Lovely Luna had to undergo this type of surgery and we are very pleased with the outcome.

Huge thanks to Luna's lovely owner Pamela Anderson for so kindly allowing us to tell Luna's story and share her photo.



Please do get in touch if you believe your own dog or cat has a grass seed issue, it's key to act quickly and we are always here to help in any way we can.

GLAUCOMA IN DOGS

Glaucoma is a serious condition that every pet owner should be aware of. It's often silent, but it can cause rapid and irreversible blindness in both eyes if not addressed promptly. Poor Rocky came to us with a very painful, blue-tinged eye.

Thanks to his attentive owners, they noticed the symptoms right away and understood the importance of seeking expert care immediately.

Rocky was diagnosed with primary closed-angle glaucoma (PCAG), which occurs when the fluid in the eye can't drain properly, causing increased pressure. Unfortunately, this condition can lead to severe pain and permanent vision loss in the affected eye. The troubling part is that if one eye is affected, the other eye is at risk of developing the same symptoms.

Rocky was referred to us quickly, allowing us to begin treatment right away. Unfortunately, despite our best efforts, Rocky's eye continued to worsen, becoming even more painful and unresponsive to treatment. Regrettably, the eye had to be removed.

We're incredibly grateful to Rocky's owners for allowing us to share his story. It's an important one because the symptoms of glaucoma can be very subtle, and the pressure inside the eye can fluctuate throughout the day, making it hard to detect.



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