



Born to be King!



We all know that the Lion is the King of cats - at Cinque Ports Vets we want to make our feline patients feel like Kings during their stay with us. We already have 'Cat Friendly' waiting areas throughout Cinque Ports Vets and we are very happy to announce that we will soon be building a dedicated 'Cat Only' ward for our feline patients at Kingsnorth Veterinary Centre. This means that they will be cared for separately away from dogs, in a quiet, relaxed and comfortable environment.

The kennel sizes will be designed in accordance with the International Society of Feline Medicine's Gold Standard for a feline friendly practice. Our new cat ward will enable our feline patients to recover in peace and quiet separate from our Canine friends. We will also have Feliway Diffusers (synthetic pheromones) plugged in to help your cat relax.

We would like your thoughts on what you think your feline friend would like to have in our cat ward to make their stay more comfortable - whether it's for a day procedure or if they are having to stay with us for a few days of care. The idea we think our patients will like best will receive a prize. Please email your thoughts to kingsnorth@cinqueportsvets.co.uk or post them on our Cinque Ports Vets Facebook page.



We would like to share a few tips to help make your home fit for a King:

King of the Castle

Cats love lots of high and different places to rest. Providing beds on windowsills, on top of wardrobes and even putting up shelves in step formation if you're good at DIY are great resting places!

Toys R Cat

You can never have too many toys to keep your cat entertained. This is especially important if you have indoor cats. Having toys that are battery powered or that your cat can activate on their own can be helpful if you are out at work during the day. Using toys like this, with the puzzle feeders can provide hours of entertainment for your cat and exercise their brains.

Fun with water

Many cats love drinking running water, as many YouTube videos show. There are many different makes of pet water/drinking fountains on the market to facilitate this. These fountains encourage your cat to drink more water which is especially useful if your cat is fed a dry food. Alternatively placing a ping pong ball in a large dog water bowl can be just as effective.

Providing for the whole pride!

If you have more than one cat in your home, it's always a good idea to feed them in different areas. This can avoid competition and can stop one cat stealing everyone else's food. If you do have a cat that eats quickly, using a puzzle feeder like the one pictured can help slow them down and makes them use their brain. This one in particular can be used with wet or dry food.

Old Boys Club

Many elderly cats struggle to get outside due to conditions like arthritis or blindness. Some can also be scared about going outside if they can't defend themselves as well as they used to. This may lead to toileting accidents in the home. Providing a low sided litter tray can help in these situations and can avoid stressful situations in the home. It may also be necessary to move where they are fed or sleep. Some cats are fed on windowsills or worktops and these may be a struggle to jump onto.

Pride Problems

Sometimes cats don't like each other. We love cats and often want more than one. It can be distressing when the cats we love don't love each other. By implementing the tips above, many problems that arise can be alleviated. However if you are experiencing any of the following - toileting and/or spraying in the house, inter-cat or feline-human aggression or over grooming, please don't suffer in silence, contact us for advice as soon as possible.

£100 Credit Voucher for our Clients

Barretts Land Rover and Jaguar are offering Cinque Ports clients a £100 credit voucher towards their vet bills. All you have to do is buy a new or used car from Barretts Land Rover or Jaguar and produce proof that you are a client of Cinque Ports Vets. Terms and conditions apply.

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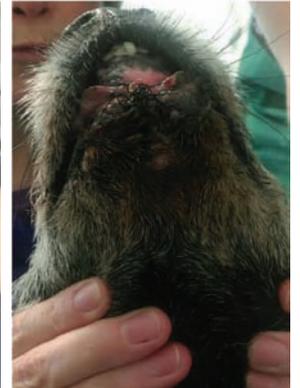
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Daisy Harper



Daisy Harper a 9 year old Patterdale Terrier decided to pick a fight with a badger and was seen out of hours at our Kingsnorth branch in Ashford at the end of February. Our vet Yohann who was on duty at the time, stabilised her for shock and treated her injuries which included severe trauma to her chin and eye.



Daisy's treatment was continued at her usual branch, Tenterden and her wound was initially cleaned and sutured but unfortunately the wound was severely contaminated and broke down. All the dead tissue had to be trimmed off leaving a large open wound on her chin. We started applying daily dressings to allow some nice healthy tissue and skin to develop with a plan that a skin graft may be required at a later date once the infection was under control. Daisy initially was sedated for her dressing changes as it was so painful, but after a few days Daisy began to feel a little better and would allow us to change her dressings without sedation.

Daisy would come to see us at Tenterden very cheerfully and as with time, she improved and felt better in herself, her barking to greet us became louder! Gradually her daily visits became weekly and we finally discharged Daisy on the 20th April without having to perform skin grafts as she had healed so well. Daisy, her owners and everyone at Tenterden were very happy and relieved especially as she no longer has to wear a Buster Collar!

Rabbit Awareness Week

We had a great turn out for Rabbit Awareness Week this year. This year the topic was #buddiesforbunnies.

The aim of the campaign was to raise awareness of the needs of rabbits to live with companions. Owners of single rabbits were encouraged to consider suitable friends for them by re-homing from welfare centres. Cinque Ports Vets were offering free Happy Hopper Checks to make sure our bunny friends were happy and healthy. Thank you to everyone who attended and supported the initiative. Don't forget your rabbit is at a greater risk from Flystrike and Myxomatosis this time of year. Make sure your bunny's vaccinations are up to date to help protect them and remember to check and clean your bunny daily. This helps prevent attracting flies to their hutch which will lay their eggs on your rabbit. Old net curtains are great for placing over the mesh of their hutches to help keep flies away from them.



We would like to introduce some new members to our team at Cinque Ports Vets:

Luca Gaffuri DMV, MRCVS, GPCert(Endo) (1) and Edward Kiddle BVMS BSc MRCVS (2) joined our Rye vet team at the beginning of the year. Luca has a certificate in endoscopy and endosurgery and in his spare time enjoys flying over the Kent countryside as he has a pilot licence! Edward moved to the UK from Australia after graduating in Perth and has a keen interest in orthopaedics. We also welcomed Tina Boyden BVM&S BSc MRCVS to our Hawkhurst branch.



James Whitlock BVetMed MRCVS (3) is our newest recruit joining our vet team at Kingsnorth in May this year. He has a particular interest in medicine and in his spare time he enjoys watching rugby with his dogs Bert and Bumble.



We also have two new veterinary nurses Tania Heath (4) and Amy Tompsett. Tania has a particular interest in surgical nursing and is based at our Tenterden and Kingsnorth branches. Amy is particularly interested in feline nursing and behaviour and is working at our Tenterden and Rye branches. We hope you will join us in welcoming them to our team. You can find out more about our new team members on our website.

Events:

Guide Dogs Sponsored Dog Walk - Sunday 17th July

Guide Dogs are holding another Dogs Unite Sponsored Dog Walk at Godmersham Park 10.00-3.00pm

Wye Summer Fair and Fun Dog Show - Sunday 28th August

Wye Veterinary Surgery will be holding a Fun Dog Show at Wye Summer Fair on Churchfield Way Green 1pm -4pm