



Autumn Newsletter



Outside the leaves have all turned the beautiful shades of browns and oranges, the nights have got darker earlier, the fireworks have started and the Christmas planning has begun. So, sit back with the fire on and a nice mug of hot chocolate and enjoy reading our newsletter.

Topics this issue:

- Alfred
- Fireworks
- Hydrotherapy
- Healthy Pet Club
- Christmas Poisons
- Staff News

Opening Hours:

Winchester:
01962 854088
Mon – Fri
8am -7pm
Saturday 8-4pm

Overton:
01256 771998
Monday 9-5pm
Tues 9-6.30pm
Wed 9-1pm
Thurs 9-6.30pm
Fri 9-5pm
Sat 9-12noon

Facilities:

- Ample free car parking
- Modern Premises
- Large comfortable waiting room
- Consultations by appointments
- Separate dog and cat wards
- Radiography
- Ultrasound
- Hydrotherapy pool
- Dental theatre
- In house laboratory
- Special interest in heart and skin problems
- Nurse clinics

Please give us 48hrs notice for repeat prescriptions
Thank you!

Alfred – Mildmay's First Star Swimmer



Alfred was referred for Hydrotherapy sessions following lameness on his right leg. He came along for an assessment swim on the 25th June 2010 where he decided he would be the first dog at Mildmay to do the back stroke! He constantly rolled over in the pool and couldn't understand why he didn't get a belly rub when he tried to lie on his back.

After much encouragement by Tracey, Pippa and his owners we persevered with his swimming and he now swims (the right way up!) for two ten minute sessions with a short break in between after starting at only three one minute swims. At the end of this month he will be awarded a certificate and rosette to be the first of our Star Swimmer Best Achiever Programme.

His owners have noticed an increase in his stamina and is now back to his normal happy self out playing and walking with other dogs and able to keep up with all his friends.

Swimming is non weight bearing and is a great form of exercise. It can be beneficial in most cases for improving range-of-motion for joint problems, losing weight and if nothing else, teaching your pet how to swim!

Special Offer

25% OFF Neutering for November and December



Is your pet scared of Fireworks?

A recent survey has shown that 50% of pets suffer from firework stress. Unfortunately if left untreated, firework stress gets worse and often progresses to other sounds such as thunder and gunshots, but can include everyday sounds such as car doors slamming.

These are a few tips to help your pet overcome the fear of fireworks.

- Provide a den or hiding place as animals hide naturally when they are scared.
- Muffle the sounds of fireworks by closing the curtains, windows and doors. Mask the bangs by putting the TV or radio on.
- Don't over fuss your dog as this will only make matters worse.
- Ignore the fireworks and play fun games in the house.
- Use D.A.P or Feliway diffuser or spray – a pheromone that aids relaxation.
- Use Zylkene, a natural, palatable and easy to give once a day tablet that can be used for short or long term stress.

For more information talk to the nurses, who suffer from these problems with their own dogs too or call reception on 01962 854088.