



Spring Newsletter



We have lots of exciting things going at Mildmay including Healthy Heart Month, a Hydrotherapy challenge to raise money for the Dog's Trust and lots of advice on your Easter bunnies. The nurses are also running FREE Weight Watcher Clinics for all those cats, dogs and rabbits that have over indulged a little at Christmas. The staff at Mildmay are looking forward to the lighter evenings and daylight dog walks.

Topics this issue:

- Hydrotherapy
- Easter Bunnies
- Vet Essentials
- Healthy Pet Club
- 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

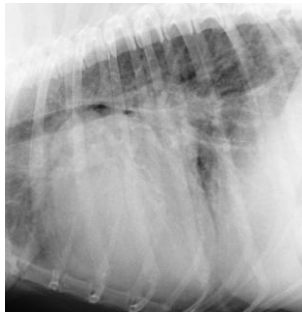
Woody the Wonder Dog!!

Woody, an eight year old Labrador came in one Saturday having developed a bad cough and difficulty breathing over the last 2 days. He had also lost some weight over the last few weeks. The vet at our Overton branch was worried about him and immediately sent him to Winchester for investigations with Melanie Norris, our resident veterinary cardiologist.

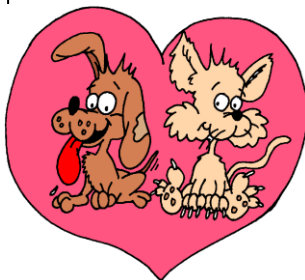
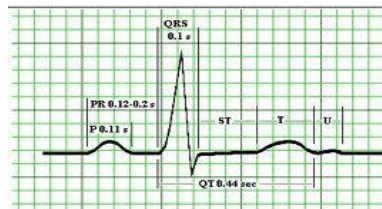
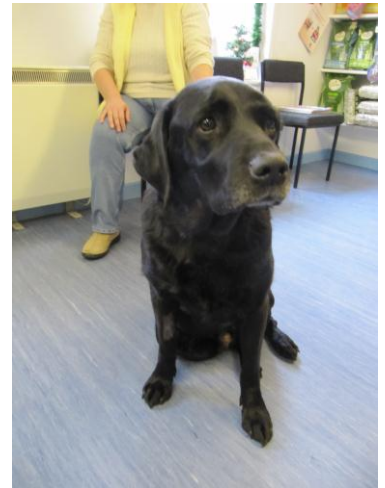
When he arrived his heart rate was very fast [tachycardic], and he had an abnormal 'gallop rhythm', as well as a loud heart murmur, indicating turbulence of blood flow within the heart. Xrays [pictured] showed a very enlarged heart and patchy areas within the lungs- a typical picture for a dog in congestive heart failure. An ECG showed that he had occasional abnormal beats and a heart ultrasound scan showed that Woody had severe changes to one of his heart valves- the mitral valve- which had resulted in dilation of his heart and the signs of congestion in his lungs.

Woody was treated with a diuretic to reduce the fluid on his lungs and some heart medications called Fortekor, Vetmedin and Prilactone. By the afternoon, his heart and breathing rate had settled down and he was feeling well enough to go home. When we next saw him a few days later, he had stopped coughing, his breathing was back to normal, and he was back to his normal bouncy self! His owners are delighted with the progress he has made so far.

Melanie has a Certificate in Veterinary Cardiology and is happy to look at any dog or cat with a suspected heart problem. We have a top of the range ultrasound scanner and ECG equipment here at Mildmay if we need to investigate further. The medications we have today enable dogs and cats to lead happier, longer lives if they are unlucky enough to develop a heart problem. If you think your pet has slowed up, or has developed a cough or laboured/rapid breathing, then it would be worth bringing him or her in for a check with Melanie.



Pictures show Woody's chest x-rays



Healthy Heart Month

With St. Valentines Day in February, thoughts are turning to affairs of the heart!

We would like to let you know that we are holding a 'HEALTHY HEART MONTH' here at Mildmay Veterinary Centre in February and March. We offer a comprehensive cardiology service, with our experienced cardiologist, Melanie Norris, a veterinary cardiology certificate holder. We have facilities to carry out ECGs and Doppler ultrasound scan. During the next couple of months we are offering heart clinics with a free nurse check up, with a view to a check up with Melanie. Please phone for an appointment.

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

