

Small Talk

AUTUMN 2021



Hafren Veterinary Group Small Animal Newsletter

Welcome to the Autumn 2021 edition of our newsletter, bringing you seasonal and topical information and updates.



SPARKY SOLUTIONS



Every year thousands of pet suffer as a result of fireworks. Animals have acute hearing and the sudden bangs, wails and flashing lights can be terrifying for them. There are lots of ways owners can help to reduce this fear and an advice sheet is available from the surgery. Medication is also available for those who are severely affected and sound desensitisation programmes can also be very useful. Fireworks can happen at anytime of year so a long term programme to help our pets cope is the best solution.



PRACTICE NEWS



Congratulations to Lucy. Many of you will know Lucy from reception in Newtown where she does an amazing job. Lucy was nominated for British Veterinary Receptionist of the year Award 2021 and was runner up from 540 nominations across the UK. Lucy forms part of a fantastic hard working team at Hafren and I'm sure you will all agree thoroughly deserves this award.

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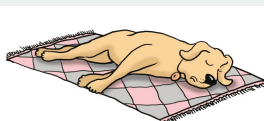
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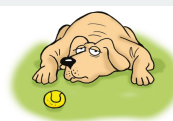
This Summer we have seen an outbreak of this disease across all our branches. We are still seeing cases now. Please see our factsheet for more information or contact the surgery. Vaccines are available to help protect against this disease.

MOBILITY MATERS AND ATHRITIS AWARENESS

The cooler Autumn weather often unmasks arthritic disease and joint stiffness, so keep an eye on your pet's mobility and comfort. Arthritis is a common disease in dogs and cats and generally worsens with age. Look out for pets hanging back on walks, stiffness or them being more reluctant to go out. Some pets especially cats may be slow to jump up or down and will stop grooming themselves. The good news is that there are often many ways we can help them, from weight loss, to medication to house adaptations. So if your pet seems to be slowing down this Autumn book an appointment with one of our nurses at the mobility matters clinic and see if we can put the spring back in their step.



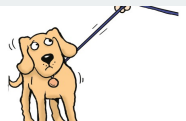
Sleeps more?



Reluctant to walk, jump and play?



Difficulties rising after resting?



Lags behind on walks?