

Small Talk

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Hafren Veterinary Group Small Animal Newsletter



Welcome to the Summer 2023 edition of our newsletter, bringing you seasonal and topical information and updates.

Summer can be a great time for us all but please care for our pets in the heat - if you need any advice contact the surgery and let's all stay safe this summer.



HAFREN TEAM NEWS

WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS to two of our Knighton vets Emma and Sasha who are both getting married in May. We wish them and their partners every success for the future.

NEW FACES

Welcome to Jordan, our new Small Animal receptionist in Newtown we hope you will be very happy at Hafren.

Llanidloes surgery welcomes a new RVN Kayleigh who has recently moved to the area. Kayleigh has been qualified for 4 years and enjoys all aspects of nursing - we hope you love Wales as much as we do and hope you will be very happy.



ITCHY, SCRATCHY PETS



Just like humans, your pet gets itchy sometimes. While all pets itch occasionally, if it interferes with normal activities or leads to hair loss, redness, odour or sores, it could be a sign of a medical condition.

Itching can be a nuisance when you wake up at night because of the sound of your pet scratching or licking, or you have to vacuum up more hair and dander around your home, but it also can be a very distressing and sometimes painful condition for them. Repeated scratching at the same area can cause irritation and breaks in the skin, increasing the chance of an infection.

Signs That Your Pet's Itch Might Be Due to an Underlying Medical Condition (Such as Allergies or Infection) may include:

- Licking, biting, chewing or scratching
- Rolling, scooting or rubbing more than usual
- Hair loss
- Ear problems and head shaking
- Redness of the skin
- Body odour
- Anal gland issues

If you have any concerns about your pet's skin please contact the surgery. Allergies can be seen all year round but the summer months can be worse for a lot of our pets. Don't forget to keep their parasite treatment up to date too - fleas love warm weather and they can easily make your house their home.

