

SEADOWN  
VETERINARY SERVICES

# NEWSLETTER

## SEADOWN 100 YEARS OF VETERINARY SERVICES

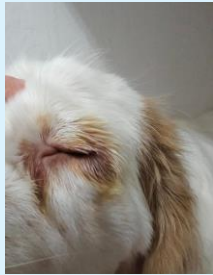
WINTER 2024

### LOKI

Loki is a gorgeous Clumber spaniel who came to us all the way from Wickford to see our ophthalmology referral vets about his poorly eyes.

Basically, Loki needed complex eyelid surgery which is a specialist procedure needing a high level of skill and experience.

He had surgery here in Hythe performed by our wonderful veterinary surgeon, Mirka Palenilova assisted by Jade Stroud RVN. We are pleased to report that all went really well and Loki is again a very happy dog.



## SPECIAL PATIENT STORIES

### POPPY

Did you know that dogs can give blood too and that it saves pets lives! ♡. You may recall that NariECE, who manages the Seadown pharmacy, has a lovely dog called Otto?

Otto gave blood for the first time earlier this year to save the life of one of our gorgeous patients - little Poppy.

Jo Kent from BBC South picked up on the story and to help raise awareness of the importance of dogs giving blood, she filmed Poppy and her human family, as well as Otto, NariECE and veterinary surgeon Katie Wood.

Huge thanks to all who took part because we could not do the work we do and help our patients survive some surgeries and severe anaemias, without blood transfusions.



### BONNIE

Beautiful Bonnie is a 5 year old Norfolk terrier who has been seeing one of our lovely RVN's Lucy. Bonnie's parents came for a weight clinic as they were struggling to keep Bonnie at the ideal weight after being spayed.

Over 6 months Bonnie managed to lose a kilo of weight to get back down to her ideal weight. To do this, Lucy calculated Bonnie's target weight and food allowance for her owners to follow. Well done to Bonnie's owners for their dedication and care.

**If you are concerned about your dog's or cat's weight, please get in contact with us to arrange a weight consultation with one of the nurses.**

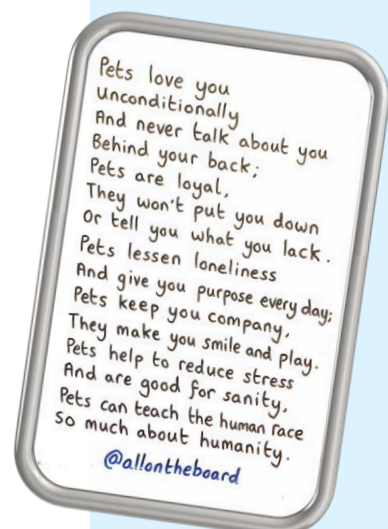


### RU

Ru is a brave dog who was bitten, not once but twice by an adder whilst being walked by owner, Gordon Jamieson at Setley Plain in the New Forest. The first time Gordon didn't notice until they arrived home after the walk and dear Ru's face was badly swollen and two fang marks were clearly visible on his muzzle.

Following treatment at Seadown Ru went onto make a full recovery, but this year, Ru disappeared into the bushes and when he came back, his head was down and he was shaking.

Back at Seadown, Ru was examined by veterinary surgeon Katie Wood who administered intravenous pain relief, antihistamine and antibiotics. Fortunately, in Ru's case antivenom was not required and once again Ru made a complete recovery, just in time for BBC News and their reporter Jo Kent, to film the story and make Ru a local hero.



Credit: allontheboard

## New Nurse Clinic

New nurse clinics with Registered Veterinary Nurse Laura Isaac, are now available on a Wednesday lunchtime at our Totton surgery.

Our team of dedicated and experienced Registered Veterinary nurses run a variety of clinics, aiming to help support and promote your pets health and wellbeing.

The clinics include claw clipping, post operative checks, microchipping, weight management and de-matting.

Nurse clinics now run from all three of our branches on various days and evenings across the week. Please call if you would like to book an appointment.



## Christmas Opening Hours

The Christmas opening times at HYTHE only (branches will differ) :  
Christmas Eve 8.30am - 6.00pm  
Christmas & Booking Day - Emergencies only  
Friday 27th December - 8.30am - 7.00pm  
Saturday 28th December - 8.30am - 5.00pm  
Sunday 29th December - Emergencies only  
Monday 30th December - 8.30am - 7.00pm  
Tuesday 31st December - 8.30am - 6.00pm  
New Years Day - Emergencies only  
2nd January 2025 onwards - Normal Opening  
In an **EMERGENCY** call on **023 8084 1424**

For Lymington and Totton practice Christmas timings, please see our facebook page

## Seasonal Pet Do's and Don'ts

### Do .....

- exercise pets regularly in the winter. It may be cold, but it's part of their routine care.
- Put your dog on a lead near frozen ponds.
- Rinse salt or grit from paws. Both can irritate skin.
- Help our feathered friends in winter and top up the wild bird feeding table.
- Check that small furries living outside have plenty of warm, dry bedding, unfrozen water and ensure that hutches are draught and rain/snow proof.
- Supervise pets near log burners and open fires.
- Clear away antifreeze spills. It tastes sweet to our pets, but can be fatal if ingested!
- Store chocolate, foods containing it, grapes and raisins well out of reach, as these are very poisonous to your pets.



### Don't. ....

- give your pet too many treats. It can cause tummy upsets and unhealthy weight gain.
- Feed turkey bones. These are sharp and can cause internal damage or get lodged in the throat.
- Have real mistletoe/holly and their berries in your home. If ingested by your pet, both can cause vomiting, diarrhoea and drooling, plus blood pressure and breathing problems. Also a poinsettia's white sap is an irritant to the skin, mouth and throat causing itching and swelling.
- Leave batteries or electronic cigarettes lying around to be chewed and swallowed. Both are extremely dangerous items for your pet.

Here are a few media articles from this year which help demonstrate that however careful you are, accidents and problems will always arise

<https://www.seadownvets.co.uk/news/dog-owners-warned-about-dangers-of-adder-bites>

<https://www.seadownvets.co.uk/news/dog-hit-by-suv-on-a326-hythe-bypass-saved-by-seadown-vets>

<https://www.seadownvets.co.uk/news/new-forest-vet-mends-broken-bone-by-using-ball-as-cast>



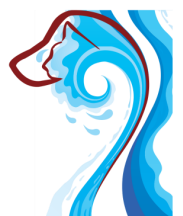
**How can pet insurance help you?** Like humans, pets can suffer an illness or injury at any time. As there is no NHS for pets, you need to consider how you would cover the cost if your pet needs treatment. Pet insurance can help you get your beloved pet back on their feet without worrying about the cost of veterinary bills. Vets can now do more for pets than ever before but pet owners are often surprised by the cost of veterinary bills and unaware that some conditions require ongoing treatment. There are specialist tools and techniques that can be used to give your pet the best possible diagnosis and care but costs can soon mount up. Pet insurance can help cover these costs and allows you to budget monthly rather than worrying about paying unexpected veterinary bills. It is important to realise that not all pet insurance is the same and consider carefully which type of policy is right for your pet. Benefits of pet insurance: • **Peace of mind in the event of illness or injury** • **Financial help to cover the cost of unexpected treatment** • **Able to make decisions based on what's best for your pet without worrying about the cost of treatment** • **May allow you to seek veterinary advice sooner** • **Improved treatment options and outcome for your pet.** **Please ask the team if you would be eligible for out 4 week free insurance cover.**

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