



# Gower Veterinary Surgery



## NEWSLETTER

Winter 2011

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### Appointment times

Monday – Friday 8.30am  
– 11.15am  
and 2.30pm – 6.15pm

Saturday 9.30am –  
12.00pm

Sunday 9.30am –  
10.30am (Emergencies  
only)

Bank Holiday Mondays  
9.30am – 12.00pm

Please phone to book an  
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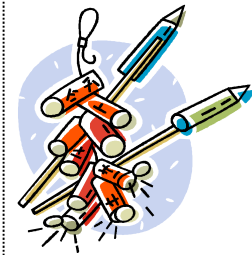
Have you visited our new website?

If you haven't already done so, please pay a visit to our new website [www.gowervets.co.uk](http://www.gowervets.co.uk) and let us know what you think.

We have information on the practice, staff pictures and profiles, details and photos of the practice. Each month there is a new special offer or promotion displayed.

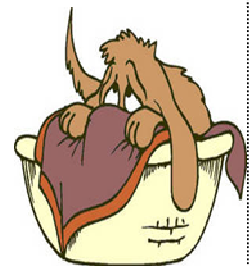
## Remember Remember..... Get ready for bonfire night!

Fireworks can be very stressful for animals. Turning the most bravest of dogs into quivering wrecks and every year their reaction to the loud bangs and whizzing can get worse and worse.



As the firework season fast approaches, we have put together some useful tips to help you and your pet during this time of year.

- Keep your pets indoors at night. Even outdoor pets such as rabbits should ideally be brought indoors, but if this is not possible their hutches should be covered.
- Nervous dogs should have somewhere to hide e.g. Under a table. Windows and curtains should be closed. It is also helpful to have music or the T.V on to help mask the sound of the fireworks.
- Fearful behaviour should not be rewarded with reassurance and cuddles. Ignoring the fireworks and carrying on as normal will help your pet to understand that there is nothing to fear.
- You can also use a DAP diffuser near your pets hiding place. This release dog appeasing pheromones which help to decrease stress levels. These do need to be used 2-3 weeks before the event. Other products can also be helpful, such as kalm aid and Zlykene (please talk to veterinary staff regarding which product is more suited to your pet)



These are just a few measures you can take to help your pets. For more information on products that can help your pet at this time of year and for more advice please call in or phone.

## Practice News.....

### Staff

We would like to say a huge "well done" to Rachel who has successfully passed her Vet Nursing exams!! After 2 years of dedication and hard work Rachel is now a fully qualified Veterinary Nurse!!

Angharad is the newest staff member and we would like to welcome her onto our team

I'm sure that everyone has met our vet Dave Dickson, but you may not be aware that he is currently studying hard towards his certificate in veterinary cardiology! We would like to wish him well for his forthcoming exams in November.

Finally, we would like to congratulate Richard and his wife on the birth of their son!

## FREE WEIGHT CHECKS AND DIETRY ADVICE

Make it your pets New Years resolution to keep healthy and maintain a suitable diet in 2012.

Obesity in pets is a growing concern. Here at Gower Vet Surgery it is estimated that

A 10kg dog gaining 1kg is the equivalent of an average person gaining between 5kg

anecdotally as much as 60% of the pets seen by our vets is considered to be overweight.

Apart from making your pet unhappy, obesity poses a number of health risks; arthritis, joint pain, shortness of

breath, heart disease and diabetes are just a few.

There are a number of factors that contribute towards weight gain, overfeeding and too little exercise are the main reasons.

Call in to Gower vet Surgery for your free weight check and dietary advice with a nurse.

## Nurse Clinics

Did you know, that as well as holding weight clinics here at Gower Vets we also run many more clinics such as flea and worm checks, post operative checks, geriatric clinics, rehabilitation/physiotherapy, new pet and nutrition. All the clinics are run free of charge. Please phone if you would like any more information or would like to book an appointment with one of our nurses.

## Puppy Parties

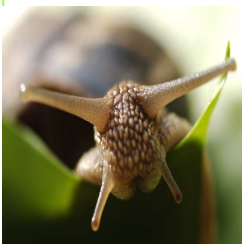


Thanks to Lauren and Stephanie, the puppy parties are continuing to be a huge success!!

The parties are a great way of socialising puppies in a controlled, safe environment. As well as receiving advice on training, behaviour and diet you will also receive a goody bag containing FREE wormer and flea treatment, puppy food and lots more.

## Worms and fleas

It is still important to worm your pets and treat them for fleas, even at this time of year.



Lungworm is endemic to the south Wales area and are carried by slugs and snails and occasionally frogs and can be fatal to your dog if untreated. With the presence of slugs and snails still around it is important to continue to worm your dog right through the autumn and winter months.

Check with veterinary staff which flea and worming treatment is best for your pet