

# Redleaves Veterinary Centre

Welcome to the Summer 2007 issue of our newsletter - keeping you up-to-date with what is happening in the practice.

## Practice facilities

- Appointment system
- Ample parking
- Convenient surgery hours
- Dedicated 24 hour emergency service
- Annual health checks
- Modern surgical facilities
- Veterinary nurse appointments
- Weight checks
- In-house laboratory
- Full dental facilities
- Hills Nutritional advisors
- Hills Science Plan
- Hills prescription Diet
- Radiography
- Electrocardiography
- Ultrasound scanner
- Blood pressure monitor
- Pulse oximeter
- Export/health certificates (pet passport)
- Air conditioning
- Radio surgery

## Consulting times

Mon - Fri 8.30am - 1.15pm  
3pm - 7pm

Saturday 9am - 12pm

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## Hill's do it again!

Just when you thought pet food couldn't get any better, it does! Surprise - Hill's bring out *NeuteredCat*.

Confused by the great variety of Hill's diets? Well here, let us help you. Forget Maintenance, Light and Indoor Cat - Hill's have combined them making life easier for you and better for your cat!

*NeuteredCat* has been specially formulated to contain just the right amount of fats and calories to keep your cat fit and trim after neutering. With the correct balance of minerals and high levels of antioxidant vitamins E and C helps your cat avoid urinary problems and also helps protect their kidneys.

Go on, give it a try!

Hill's are so confident your cat will like it that they offer a full, no quibble money-back guarantee.



## Cystitis

Anyone that has had cystitis (inflammation of the bladder) knows how painful it can be. Cats seem to be particularly prone to developing this disease.

The signs include straining to urinate, frequently and for a long time, passing blood stained urine, and urinating in unusual areas of the house.

There are several causes of cystitis, including bacterial infection, bladder stone and crystal formation, neoplasia - and it may also be brought on by stress. The problem may become life threatening if the bladder becomes blocked (especially in the male), as the back pressure can cause kidney failure within 48 hours.

If your cat seems to have any problem urinating, please seek prompt veterinary advice.

## Staff news

◆ Congratulations to former head nurse Helen Watson and her husband Paul who had a baby boy, Thomas, in March.

◆ Also congratulations to Laura who is now a qualified veterinary nurse.

◆ Joining our team we welcome Lucy as a student VN and Sakine Kudat-Andersson as part time vet.

◆ Sadly we have had to say goodbye to our receptionist Carolyn who has been with us for three years - we will really miss her.

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## SUMMER NEWSLETTER

### **Staff**

#### Vets

Barbara Taylor  
Sally Goulden  
Vicky Hall  
Ann Trewren  
Sakine Kudat-  
Andersson

#### Nurses

Vicky (Senior  
VN)  
Mel (Senior VN)  
Jan C  
Laura  
Jenni  
Lucy

#### Reception

Jan B  
Sarah  
Yvonne

#### Administration

Barbara Inwood  
(Office  
administrator)  
Pip (Clinical  
administrator)

# 2007

## Beware of the Barbeque!

**T**he barbeque season is starting - warm, sunny days, the sizzle and smell of food cooking, the sound of dogs vomiting ..... what has that got to do with barbeques?

It is all too easy for dogs to mooch around the cooking food and pick up inedible items that smell of the food. In our experience, dogs have eaten a variety of objects, including the rubber head of a large basting brush and cobs of corn. If these get stuck in their stomach or intestine they can cause vomiting.

There are also recorded cases of dogs eating wooden kebab skewers, which can travel out of the intestine and lodge in other parts of the body. I even had one dog which had eaten what appeared to be the whole barbeque - pieces of kebab, paper napkins, plastic cups .... I half expected to see a bottle of wine in the stomach aswell!

Diagnosis of the presence of

these foreign bodies is not always straightforward, as many materials do not show up on x-rays. The owner may not be aware that the object has been eaten, and there are many, many other causes of vomiting which need to be eliminated from the investigation.

To save your dog from the high probability of having an operation to remove these objects, see if you can encourage your family and guests to put their rubbish in a sack or bin, away from those greedy dogs!



## A new lease of life

**I**t is natural to expect dogs to slow down as they get older. There may be several reasons for this - arthritis, being overweight, and the onset of senility.

There are lots of treatments and strategies to help cope with arthritis and weight con-

trol. We also use Vivitinin, a medicine which has been proven to restore brightness and alertness, improve circulation and boost energy levels.

Do make an appointment with the vet if you have an elderly dog that seems to be losing their youthful energy!