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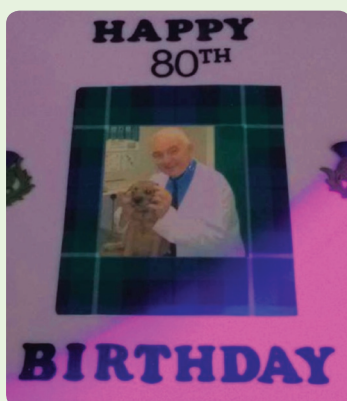
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NEWS



Happy Birthday to You!



On June 25th 2016, we celebrated our very own Eddie turning 80!

A surprise party was organised by his wife Mrs Dorothy Campbell, along with help from the girls at the clinic. The night was a great success and thoroughly enjoyed by all who came! Those invited were asked not to bring presents but instead leave a donation to one of our chosen charities, who were The Rainbow Rehoming Centre and PDSA.

Also a big thank you to the Belfry Country Inn for hosting such a wonderful night and supplying everyone with a great meal.

Consulting Times

Monday - Friday:

8.30 - 9.30am, 1.30 - 4.00pm,
5.00 - 7.00pm

Saturday:

8.30 - 9.30am, 1 - 2pm

Consultations by appointment

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Is your pet carrying a few extra pounds?

Over feeding and little exercise is the main reason pets gain weight and it can happen to all kinds of pets.

What are the risks of your pet being overweight or obese?

Carrying extra weight means that you're pet's limbs and joints are put under extra pressure, meaning they can become damaged. This can lead to problems such as arthritis or hip dysplasia.

Diabetes is one of the most common problems associated with a pet being overweight or obese. Symptoms are excessive drinking and urination, you should seek veterinary advice if you believe your dog could be diabetic.

Increase risk of developing certain cancers such as urinary bladder and in female dogs mammary tumours.

Breathing problems, in some cases if your pets are over weight their lungs cannot function properly. The excess fat means that the lungs are restricted therefore restricting the oxygen.

These are just a few examples of what may happen if your pet is over weight. It is important to realise that this is a preventable condition. Contact Drumahoe Veterinary Clinic on **02871 311448** and speak to Catherine or Wendy who will organise an appointment to get a plan started for your pet's weight loss plan. Our vet Claire is also on hand for appointments.

Our appointment times will be as follows:
Tuesday 4pm - 5pm
Wednesday 4pm - 5pm



To neuter is cuter! Benefits of pet neutering



Did you know that in addition to preventing unwanted pregnancies, there are many other health and behavioural benefits to having your pets neutered? Neutered pets are likely to live longer, healthier lives thanks to surgical procedures which are safe, quick and relatively painless.

Dogs: For female dogs the benefits of spaying are very clear. If left entire, the chances of them developing mammary (breast) cancer and life-threatening infections in their uterus are very high. Also, you don't have the practical considerations of them being in season (heat) every six months; when they will bleed, be attractive to the advances of every male dog in your area and be more likely to run away to find a mate.

In male dogs, castration eliminates testicular cancer and makes prostate problems less likely. Also, for some it can have very positive effects on their behaviour.



Cats: For both male and female cats, neutering is imperative! Female cats can come into heat as often as every two weeks during the breeding season (which occurs in the spring and summer months) and will endlessly try to escape and mate with local tom cats.

For un-neutered females coming into heat – if they go outside (even just once!) they will in all likelihood get pregnant and add to the cat population, which already hugely outnumbers the available homes. They will also be vulnerable to sexually transmitted diseases, wounds from the males they mate with and they are also very likely to develop mammary cancers and uterine infections.

For toms, castration is equally important. Entire male cats wander and fight, putting them at risk of being run over by cars, getting nasty infected fight wounds and exposing them to deadly infectious diseases. In fact, a neutered male cat is likely to live a whole decade longer than a entire one!

For further information on neutering your pets, please contact a member of our practice team.



Rabbits will generally benefit from being neutered. Both sexes make much better, calmer pets and are also much more likely to live peacefully with others. Entire rabbits will often fight, even if related. Also over 80% of older female rabbits may suffer with, and often die from, uterine cancer.

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