

## WELCOME TO CLAWS & PAWS

### Paxton Vets Newsletter

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Here you'll find great advice, offers for you and your pet, news, hints & tips, seasonal advice and much, much more!

## PRACTICE NEWS

🏆 WE NEED YOUR VOTES TO CROWN THE  
PALACE PRINCE OR PRINCESS! 🏆



These are our **18 WINNERS** from the 6 classes at the Crystal Palace Dog Show, and this year the "Best in Show" will be chosen by YOU as the photo that receives the most LIKES on this album in the next 2 weeks. Please invite your friends and family to LIKE their favourite photo, and help us pick the "Palace Prince or Princess" from these wonderful dogs! The overall winner will receive a special presentation once the deadline is up on July 2nd, and the counting is completed!

Please [click here](#) to place your vote 😊

All photos by Gabriela Matei [www.gabrielamatei.co.uk](http://www.gabrielamatei.co.uk).

## 🐾🏆 CRYSTAL PALACE DOG SHOW 🏆🐾



We haven't received the professional photographs of the show yet, but if you [click here](#) you can see the lovely ones taken by Simi, a friend of the Clinics.

What a WONDERFUL day it was and so many gorgeous dogs of all shapes and sizes took part, in front of a record crowd. We LOVED seeing so many of the ever growing Paxton Family there, but also met so many lovely new dogs (and owners).

Thank you to our judges (Chris at Happy Hounds Crystal Palace, April from Lead on Grooming, and our Head Vet Helen) and for ALL of you who came along to watch and enjoy.

Please keep watching our [Facebook page](#) for more photos 😊

## GOODBYE JASON



Jason is leaving us, after being a fantastic colleague to work with, and an integral part of our team, for over 9 years 😞😞. We are very sad to say goodbye, but at the same time are delighted for him that he has found a fab new role nearer to where he lives, as Head Receptionist in a large Vet Clinic! This is a huge step and one that he thoroughly deserves, by working his way up the training ladder from his start as our Animal Care Assistant, and we wish him all the best with this.

Thank you Jason for everything, you will be dearly missed.

🐱 🐛 DOGS JUST LOVE FOX POO 🐱 🐛



Picture the scene - you are out for a lovely walk, and then smell something bad, and realise that your own dog has rolled in fox poo. Oh

how DISGUSTING it smells, and it's so difficult to get rid of the smell isn't it!

Some people use Ketchup or toothpaste to help get rid of the smell after washing the dog, but we wondered if you had any other good ideas that we could share? – at [Paxton Vet Clinics Ltd.](#)

👏 HUGE CONGRATULATIONS TO RYAN!! 👏



Ryan has been an integral part of the Paxton Team for nearly 5 years now, working his way through his training, both at the Clinics under the supervision of our Head Nurse and Vets, and at College, to qualify this year as a Registered Veterinary Nurse. We are hugely proud of him, and all the hard work he's put into finally gaining his qualification 🍷

He had his graduation ceremony recently and is pictured here with the President and the Chairman of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons.

**A HUGE “THANK YOU” TO OUR NURSES**



Do you know how many amazing things our nurses do around the practice?

They take care of our poorly patients, monitor and help with vital parts of surgical procedures, make sure all pets under our care are comfortable and that all of their medical needs are met as well as provide top-notch client care and practice management. Added to this, they also have a wealth of specialist knowledge and the skills to help our community by running our nurse clinics and providing information to all worried owners.

These are just some of the many ways they are vital, and we definitely couldn't provide our high level of excellent service without them!

**LINGUISTS AVAILABLE AT PAXTON VETS**



As well as being highly trained to carry out their role, we also have some linguists in our Clinic. Therefore if you would prefer a chat or consult in Spanish, Swedish or Polish, then let us know in advance and we'll ensure we have that staff member ready to translate for you.

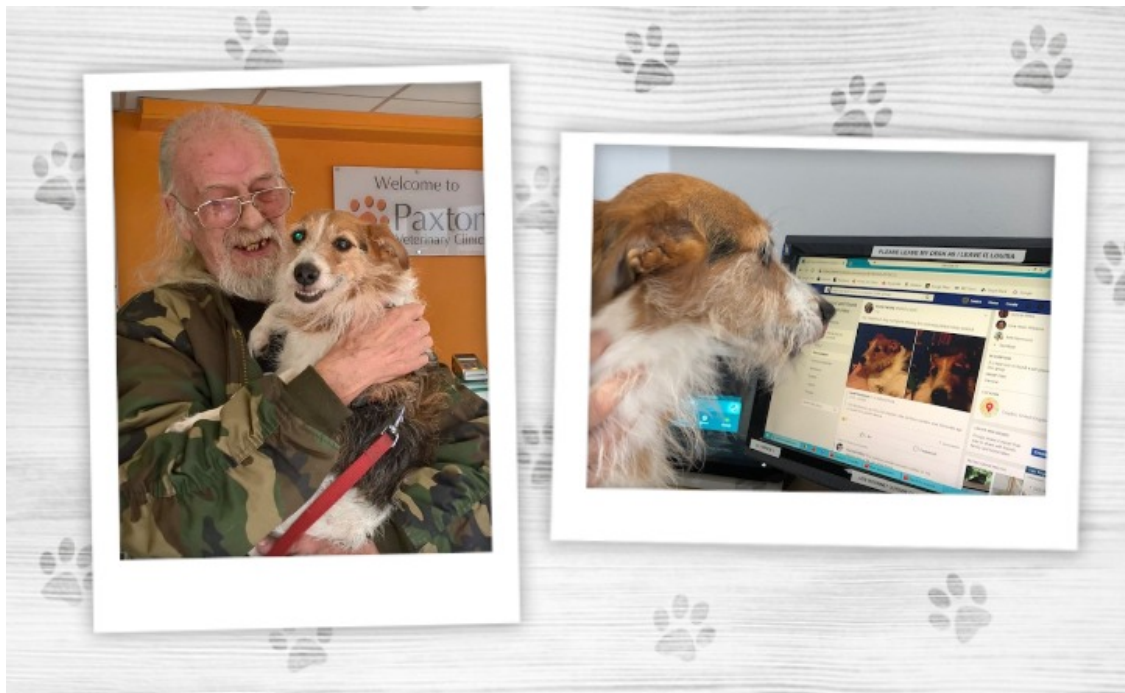
## INSTAGRAM



Does your pet have their own INSTAGRAM? If so, we'd LOVE to follow them and see what they are getting up to away from the Clinics! Let us know their Instagram name in the comments below

ps you can follow us [@paxtonvets](#)

🙌🙌 THE POWER OF FACEBOOK! 🙌🙌



Maisie got scared in the thunder recently and ran away from home. She was found looking lost, wandering around in the rain and brought into the clinic, but unfortunately her microchip details weren't up to date to track her owner.

Luckily her photo had been put on a local Lost and Found Pets page on Facebook, which we found ..... and here she is - face to face with her own LOST photo on FB, sat on our Practice Manager's knee in the office!!

Due to her quick thinking friend's FB post, she was safely back with her owner within a few hours 😊 SOCIAL MEDIA IS SO EFFECTIVE !

💖🐾 ANDY'S TRULY AMAZING STORY 🐾💖





We had the pleasure of meeting Andy recently, who has finally found his forever home after a VERY VERY long traumatic journey. He is super friendly, despite everything he's been through, and we look forward to seeing him thrive in his new home. These are his owners words:

Andy, we think a racer from Australia (his ear tattoo isn't clear) was sent to Vietnam, Saigon area where we believe he was raced there. And in dreadful conditions. Once his days were up racing he was sent to the dog meat markets.

Candy Cane Rescue saved Andy, along with two other dogs. They were found crammed in a cage on the back of a motorbike.

Having spent 9 months in Saigon Veterinary Hospital Andy was ok to travel. So Rob and I went over to get him and bring him (along with 2 others) to the UK. 3 dogs coped with the 24 hour journey from Vietnam, to Paris to UK.

Candy Cane have videos of Andy being treated very badly and he has the scars to show it. Yet remarkably he's the most friendly, bubbly character. The dog meat trade is the most brutal, where its believed by some that if the dogs die with adrenaline the soup or meat is better for them, as a result the dogs suffer a horrific end.

Thank you to the Paxton team for helping us. We truly hope in 6 months time we no longer need to nickname this boy Bones.

## SUMMER SAFETY TIPS FOR PETS



Summer officially starts in June, so this is the perfect time to remind owners to keep their pets safe during warm weather!

Make sure your pet has access to shaded areas to stay cool and that there is clean water always available. Pay special attention to their leftover food as it can go off very quickly when the weather is warm.

🔒 Try to walk and exercise your dogs in the morning or in the evening to avoid the midday sun.

🔒 White-coated pets and areas of bare skin are particularly susceptible to sunburn, don't forget to apply pet-safe sunscreen.

🔒 Check on your pets that live outside regularly. Rabbits, for example, are prone to maggot infestations (flystrike), so make sure their fur and bottoms are kept clean.

🔒 Never leave your pets alone in the car - keep them safe from heat stroke! Pets can die trapped in cars very quickly, even if there is an open window.

## OLDER PETS AND YOU - BEHAVIOUR ALERTS!



Do you have an older pet? A golden oldie, a kitty or a puppy at heart? These days our beloved furry family members live to grand old ages they have never lived to before and we find ourselves with more and more need for geriatric care.

Being old isn't a problem though! So, if you see behaviour changes, don't just chalk it up to old age and bring them over to us so we can investigate the situation. A lot of times, there is an underlying disease that can be treated and their quality of life can be improved.

Keep an eye out for these behaviour changes:

- Odd reactions to sounds
- Increased vocalisation
- Disorientation
- Less interaction
- Less activity
- More irritability/aggression

- Starting to soil the house
- Change in sleep cycles
- Less grooming/loss of hygiene

Recognise any? Please give us a call if you have any questions or to schedule an appointment.

## SUN'S OUT, CATS' OUT!



Cats are our home-sized sun-worshippers, and it's an airtight scientific fact that cosy sunbeams will spontaneously generate felines!

Longer, warmer days are finally upon us, and this means your cats are very keen to soak up some sun rays by the window or outside. However, UV light harms their skin in the same way as it damages our skin.

Among other issues like burns or blisters, one of the most pressing concerns is that sunlight can cause a type of invasive cancer called Squamous Cell Carcinoma. Prolonged exposure increases the risk of this disease, especially in animals with white fur or in areas of thin fur like on the nose or ears.

Keep an eye out for your cats' skin and if you happen to notice skin that always seems to be red and warm or small wounds that don't seem to heal, bring them over to us!

## WE'D LOVE THIS NEWSLETTER TO BE ABOUT YOU & YOUR PET TOO...

- Have you got a story to tell?
- Would you like an answer to a question?
- We'd love to see a photo of your pet that we can share
- Have they been brave lately ... have they survived an accident or illness?

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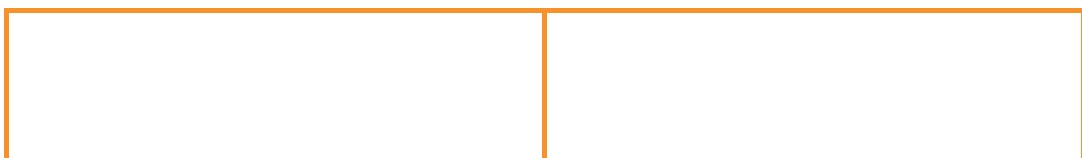
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We so want  
these stories...  
Please tell us!





## DOG TRIVIA

Big happy "helicopter" tail wagging is one sign of a really nice dog



## CAT FACT

Cats' rough tongues can lick a bone clean of any shred of meat



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