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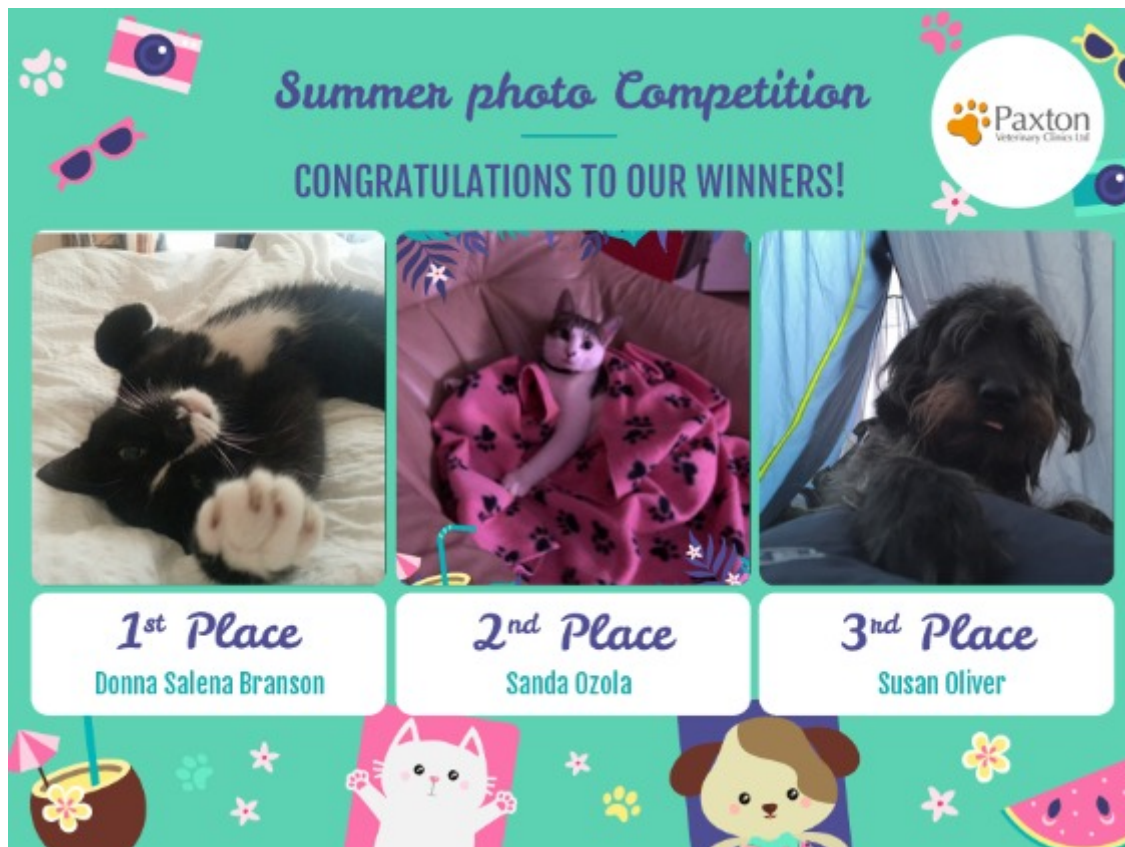
### Paxton Vets Newsletter

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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

 WINNERS ANNOUNCEMENT  



We would like to start by thanking everyone that has entered our Summer Photo Competition. All the heart-warming photos and your enthusiasm have certainly made our Summer a lot more fun! Thank you all for sharing these summer moments with us and for voting for your favourite pictures.

We are very happy to announce that the winners are:

**First place:** Donna Salena Branson with 34 votes

Prize: £25 Voucher to spend on anything at Paxton Vet Clinics

**Second place:** Sanda Ozola with 20 votes

Prize: £15 Voucher to spend on anything at Paxton Vet Clinics

**Third place:** Susan Oliver with 13 votes

Prize: £10 Voucher to spend on anything at Paxton Vet Clinics

Thank you so much for entering our competition!

## GIPSY HILL VILLAGE FETE DOG SHOW



We were the proud sponsors of the inaugural Gipsy Hill Village Fete Dog Show, and what a fabulous day it was!

So many people came along to watch or take part, and the Judges had a very hard task to choose winners from all these gorgeous dogs!

Was your dog taking part? We'd love to hear how you found the event, as it's the first time we've run it, so feedback would be helpful 😊

Please click [HERE](#) to see the photos 📷 👤 🐕 🐾

ALBUM

Most of these photo were taken by the event photographer:

**Thea Courtney Photography**

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CAT HOTEL 😊 🐱



Some cats get a little anxious when they have to stay in the Clinic for the day. We find that making them a cosy hiding place in their kennel really helps, and our amazing Animal Care Assistant Kim took this one step further this week, and made a "Cat Hotel" for our more timid residents!

(if you look really carefully, you can just see the eyes of it's first guest!!)

**WARNING** ⚠️



Poor dear Dexter has just undergone successful surgery to remove an AIRGUN PELLET lodged in his neck!

The pellet narrowly missed his jugular and spine, and luckily he is absolutely fine after his ordeal..... however if he'd been shot a few millimeters to either side, and he would have been killed.

This means that there is someone in OUR COMMUNITY willing to shoot to kill cats with an air rifle. This is totally UNACCEPTABLE and if you hear/see anything related to this, please contact the Police immediately.

## PAXTON TEAM BBQ



It wouldn't be a proper Paxton Team BBQ, if we weren't surrounded with all our dogs!!

## CLIENTS PETS



### Maisie

Dear sweet Maisie twisted her knee playing in the garden, and completely snapped her cruciate ligament causing her to be very lame and uncomfortable. Our Head Vet Helen operated the next week to stabilise the joint, and we are pleased to say that 6 weeks post op, with her wonderful owner ensuring that she stuck to her recovery plan carefully, she's running around like nothing's happened!



### Beezie

Sleeping beauty Beezie is a super curly miniature Poodle who came for her first visit recently. She was very unfazed by it all and had a good sleep 🛏️ 🛏️ 🛏️ on the Vet's consulting room table! Welcome to the Paxton Family little Beezie, we look forward to watching you grow and thrive 🍀



## Louis

Louis the French Bulldog pup was referred to us from another Vet, to remove a grass seed lodged right up INSIDE his nose. Specialist equipment (an endoscope) was needed to retrieve it. An unusual place to find a grass seed poor boy!



## Fluffy

CONGRATULATIONS TO FLUFFY!!!

It's not easy losing weight, so we'd like to celebrate Fluffy's success in finally reaching her target body weight! 🏆

With advise from our Vet Nurses during her regular weight clinics, and commitment from her wonderful owner, she has lost 1kg, and a

whopping 5cm from around her waist - and doesn't she look AMAZING!!

Massive congratulations to Fluffy and her owner 😊



## Rockie

Welcome to the Paxton Family Rocky the Cockerpool! He is only 14 weeks old, and stealing hearts wherever he goes 🐾

Rocky had dirty sore ears on his first visit, which are now much more comfortable, after some treatment from the Vet. As he is part Cocker Spaniel, with heavy hairy ears, he may need them cleaned regularly during his life, to stop the wax building up, which is a common issue with Spaniels.

CANINE PARVOVIRUS







Canine parvovirus is a highly contagious, life-threatening disease that is most commonly diagnosed in puppies. Unvaccinated and immunocompromised dogs are also at a higher risk of infection.

This virus causes debilitating gastroenteritis, and clinical signs include anorexia, depression, fever, vomiting, diarrhoea (often bloody) and, consequently, dehydration.

As there is no specific treatment against the virus, intensive care is required to treat clinical signs and help the immune system fight the infection. However, many animals do not survive, given the aggressive nature of this disease.

Fortunately, there is a vaccine available to protect your dogs from this disease. Vaccination has also been very helpful in decreasing the number of parvo outbreaks, given that pet owners are increasingly more aware of the importance of keeping their dogs' vaccinations up to date.

If you're not sure if your dog vaccination is current, don't hesitate to give us a call!

FELINE HYPERTENSION  



There are a number of reasons why your cat should pay regular visits to the vet, but if we had to choose one, hypertension would definitely be a frontrunner.

Hypertension is also known as ‘the silent killer’, as it usually takes time for clinical signs to become evident, and when they do, a lot of damage can already have occurred.

Adding to this, hypertension is usually caused by another disease, such as chronic kidney disease, hyperthyroidism, or diabetes, for example.

In hypertension, cats' blood pressure is persistently above normal limits. This can cause damage to all organs, given that the blood circulates throughout the body to reach and nourish each and every one. However, some organs are more likely to be affected than others, such as the eyes, kidneys, nervous system and heart.

Fortunately, hypertension can be diagnosed by doing blood pressure measurements, just like we do.

If your cats are over 7 years of age, make sure they don't miss their routine appointments, even if it seems that everything is ok!



## **AUTUMN HAZARDS**

### **Conkers are toxic to dogs**

Many pet owners may not be aware of this but conkers, the hard brown horse chestnuts, are poisonous to dogs.

During this time of the year, it is common that we start finding them on the floor, and our dogs might be curious to play with them.

However, this is something that you should try to avoid because conkers contain aesculin, a toxic substance, that can be dangerous if ingested.

Signs of toxicity include vomiting, diarrhoea, abdominal pain, excessive thirst and lethargy.

The signs can appear from 6 hours to 2 days after eating the poisonous nuts and, depending on how many were ingested, this type of poisoning can be life-threatening.

If you've seen your dog eat conkers or if you recognise any sign of intoxication, bring to the vet as soon as you can. Early treatment is key to a successful outcome and a quick recovery.

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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these stories...  
Please tell us!



### DOG TRIVIA

Dogs' noses secrete a thin layer of mucous that helps them absorb scent. They then lick their noses to



### CAT FACT

Cats have up to 100 different vocalizations - dogs have only 10!

sample the scent through their  
mouth.



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