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## WESTMORLAND SMALL ANIMAL NEWS

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WINTER

Dear readers,

Welcome to our final newsletter of 2025 - where has the time gone! In this edition, we catch up with Molly for our 'Staff Profile', discuss Winter dangers and tell you all about two brave dogs - Indi and Bruce.



2025  
Round-up



- 3 weddings - Holly, Naomi and Rachel all tied the knot this year.
- 2 new graduate nurses - Hannah and Ellie W both qualified with flying colours.
- 3 new starters - we have got Alison B on the vet team, Ellie J on reception and Thea our new farm administrator!
- Finally, we have another baby on the way - Gayle is expecting and will be off on maternity leave very soon.



What an exciting year it has been! We've faced some challenging cases, but we're always grateful for our wonderful clients and the lovely pets they bring to see us.

# Meet Molly!



Molly is a receptionist based at our Kirkby Lonsdale practice. She has worked here for almost 5 years now and she is vital to the smooth running of our practice.

Molly's favourite part of the job is problem solving for clients - and helping them get the best outcome! She loves being a part of our fabulous team and, of course, seeing all the lovely pets that come through the doors.

Wallace, her 11 month old Labrador keeps her busy both in and outside of work. He is a clumsy but lovable boy and keeps the vets on their toes. In true Labrador fashion he loves playing with his ball most of all.

In her downtime, Molly enjoys walking up mountains, running, dog training and most importantly - going out for food!

Next time you see Molly make sure to say hello and if you have any issues she will get them sorted for you!



# Winter Dangers

## Toxic/dangerous foods

- Chocolate
- Dried fruits
- Cooked bones
- Allium family (garlic, onions)
- Salty ham
- Macadamia nuts

## Other dangers

- Antifreeze
- Festive plants
- Batteries
- Road salt
- Christmas decorations

**Concerned your pet has ingested something they shouldn't have? Contact us straight away, no matter the time of day.**



## Walking in Winter

Keep your dogs warm - especially the young, old, short coated and arthritic

Dry off straight away after a wet walk

Stay visible - use lights, high vis and torches

Stay off frozen ponds or lakes

Temp	Small Dogs	Medium Dogs	Large Dogs
15°C	1	1	1
12°C	1	1	1
10°C	2	1	1
7°C	2	2	1
4°C	3	3	2
1°C	3	3	3
-1°C	3	3	3
-4°C	4	4	3
-6°C	5	4	3
-9°C	5	4	4
-12°C	5	5	5

## Key

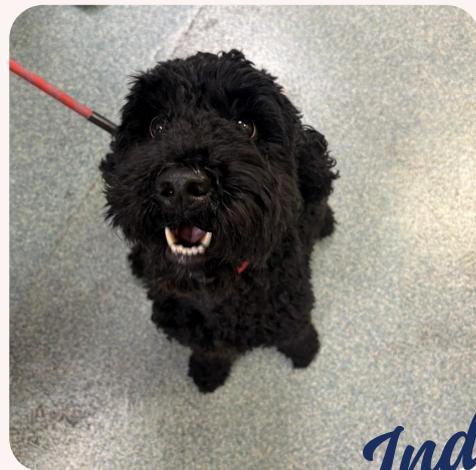
- 5 - Potentially life-threatening
- 4 - Dangerous
- 3 - Potentially unsafe
- 2 - Walk with care
- 1 - Go for a walk!



# Super Dogs!



When Indi came in to see us, she was very poorly and in need of a blood transfusion. Luckily, staff dog Bruce was able to leap into action! He donated around 350mls of blood which helped save Indi's life.



*Indi*

*Bruce*



Indi is now on the road to recovery and Bruce has had plenty of treats and toys to compensate! Dogs are a bit different to humans and for their first transfusion can receive blood from any eligible donor. After this, their blood must be 'typed' to see what blood is the best match.

In order to be a blood donor, dogs must be:

- Fit and healthy
- Not on any medication
- Between 1 and 8 years old
- Over 25kg in weight
- Never travelled out of the UK and Ireland

If you think your dog fits this criteria and you would like to register them as a potential blood donor, please get in touch with the practice. This means that we may call you in an emergency if we require your dog's donation.

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