



## Our First Dog Show!

St Kitts Veterinary Group hosted its very first dog show as part of the **Hatchwarren Summer Festival in Basingstoke**. It was a great success and we had lots of wonderful entries. With six different classes to enter your canine friends in, there was something for everyone, ranging from Waggiest Tail to The Dog The Judges Most Wanted To Take Home! **Madame Mayor of Basingstoke Diane Taylor** was on the judging panel, along with her consort Mr Taylor and our management team members, **Anna Jones** and **Laura England**. We are pleased to say **we raised £69 for Canine Partners and £46 for Hatchwarren Community Centre. A further £79 was raised from our fete stalls this year**, so in total we shall be donating **£148** to Canine Partners. The whole festival was impressive, from the birds of prey, family activities and stalls to the dog show! The day had such a lovely family vibe and a great community atmosphere. Thank you to all who came along to support our charities.



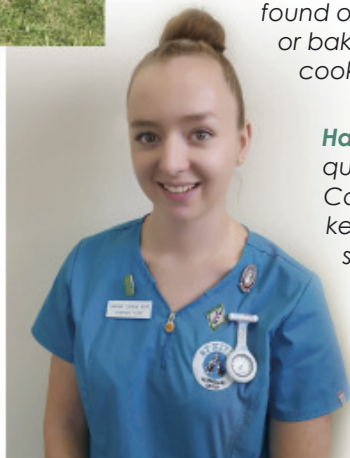
## New Team Members

*The St Kitts Veterinary Group have been luckily enough to welcome Paul Dobson MRCVS, Kate Moore MRCVS and Hannah Cannon RVN to the team.*

**Paul Dobson** Veterinary Surgeon grew up locally in Yateley, and qualified from Bristol University in 2007. He spent four years working in small animal practice before moving over to shelter medicine at a branch of Battersea Dogs and Cats Home. Paul has a strong interest in canine and feline medicine in particular. He has a cat called Thomas, and outside of work, he enjoys spending time with his wife and two sons. The family can often be found outdoors or baking and cooking.



**Hannah Cannon** Veterinary Nurse qualified from the Royal Veterinary College in July 2018. She has a keen interest in Dance, and enjoys spending time with her two cats. Some of you may know her from a previous time when working with us as a university student.



**Kate Moore** Veterinary Surgeon graduated from the Royal Veterinary College in 2003. She spent a period of time travelling abroad interspersed with periods of locum work. Kate moved to Surrey 10 years ago and has been working in small animal practice since. She has a particular interest in feline medicine and creating a cat friendly environment within the clinic. Kate lives with her husband and a 3-year-old crazy black and white cat called Basil. Out of work she enjoys cooking, eating out and wine tasting. Kate loves to travel and has toured extensively in Australia, New Zealand, Asia and South America.



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**24 Hour Emergency Cover**

# Poor Paw

Those four paws have a lot of work to do for our pets! With endless walking, running, jumping, digging, scratching, balancing and catching prey, it is not surprising injuries occur and fairly often! Damage to pads, toes and claws can be very painful and cause great discomfort, so it is very important to frequently check your pets' paws for any problems, especially after exercise.

## Paw not so Perfect

**limping ~ holding up ~ redness ~ swelling  
chewing/licking ~ lumps/bumps**

Causes can be anything from a foreign object stuck in the paw to a puncture wound from a cat fight, so if you notice any of the above signs, call our friendly team for advice or bring your pet in for a check-up.



# Autumn Wasps



If your pet's paw becomes swollen, you might want to check if it is a wasp sting. During this season, wasp stings can happen more often, as these insects now spend a lot more time outside of the nest, as grub production has come to an end and they are now feeding on autumn fruit. Our curious pets just cannot resist snapping or pawing at and chasing buzzing wasps. The result usually being a nasty sting! Should you hear your pet suddenly yelp or start whining, licking or nibbling at their leg or paw and holding it up, these could be signs of a sting. Be watchful also of swellings around the face and mouth, as this could restrict breathing.

**Some animals, just like people are allergic to stings so contact us immediately if your pet**  
**\* has any kind of mouth/face swelling \* is drooling**  
**\* has difficulty breathing \* collapses**

Wasp stings are unpleasant and can cause difficulties, but please remember these insects, and also bees are part of our ecosystem, and **play an important role in pollination**, which helps our food supply. As with all animals, treat them with respect even though they sting!

## Hartley Wintney

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FIRGROVE VETERINARY CENTRE

PET FIRST AID

# Pet First Aid Information Evening.



TUESDAY 22ND October 2019

7.30 PM - 8.30 PM



A FREE educational  
information evening.

FIRGROVE VETERINARY CENTRE  
1-3 AYLESHAM WAY  
YATELEY  
GU46 6NR

## What would you do in an emergency?

Our **Basingstoke branch hosted a First Aid Evening** on the 2nd July, which was a great success! It was all aimed to help our clients deal with emergencies and save pets' lives. We are very pleased to report that everyone enjoyed the evening and due to popular demand, **the next information evening will be held at Firgrove Veterinary Centre on 22nd October at 7.30pm.**

Please call **Firgrove reception on 01252 877799** to book, as places are limited!



Fireworks screech and fizz  
in the winter night  
But have you thought they  
may be causing a fright  
To pets who are hiding  
under tables and stairs  
Nervous and bewildered  
at the sudden flares  
Spare a few moments to  
prepare a quiet place  
With toys treats blankets  
and a friendly face  
Play a game be happy  
don't scold fearful pets  
And remember help and  
advice are here at the vets



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