

COX STREET VETS QUARTERLY

Small Animal and Equine Vet Clinic and Hospital



Recent Surgical Cases at Cox Street Vets this autumn

In addition to our routine surgeries we have had a few emergency surgical cases lately.

In the last week we have had two cats and a dog requiring femoral head and neck excisions (FHNE).

This is the technical term for surgically removing the head and neck of the femur when it is injured (e.g. dislocated hip) or abnormal.

In the case of the dislocated hip, when the head of the femur has been out of the joint for more than a day, the muscles around the hip contract and don't allow the hip bone to go back in the joint.

FHNE enables the body to create a false joint where the head of the femur used to be.

Once they recover from this procedure they can continue to use the leg pain-free. This is just one of the many orthopaedic surgeries Dr Lisa Prestwood has been doing lately with much success.



Above: hip radiograph showing the dislocated femur

Toxin ingestions to watch out for with your pet



This Easter season don't forget to be vigilant to keep chocolate away from our beloved fur friends. Chocolate is toxic to dogs, dark chocolate being the worst for them. It is also coming up to the time when our houses, sheds and gardens are inundated with rodents and it's tempting to put out baits for them. These baits however can also be fatally toxic to pets and so should never be left where they can get to them. We once had a case where snail bait was kept on the top shelf of a shelving unit in the shed, the dog knocked into the shelves just to get to them and ate the whole packet!

Signs to watch out for if you suspect your pet has gotten into a potential toxin include: tremors, convulsions, vomiting, weakness and disorientation.

If you think your animal is not themselves in any way however do give us a call, we are on call 24/7 and ready to help!

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Who's been horsing around?

Dr Lynsey visited a foal recently with a hernia (defect in the muscle wall of the abdomen) at the site of the umbilical cord (belly button). Most hernias in young foals will close over before the age of 6 months. Hernias which have not closed over can result in entrapment of a piece of intestine so it is important that they are closed surgically if they are not closing by themselves. The foal was anaesthetized and the abdomen clipped and cleaned before the skin was incised and large suture material was used to close the defect in the abdominal wall. The foal recovered well from surgery and will go on to become a successful racehorse.



PUPPY SCHOOL TRAINING DATES 2017:

- May 2nd
- May 9th
- May 16th
- May 23rd

Dates may be subject to class numbers and run Tuesday night at 6pm.

Book in now to avoid missing out!



Case of the season: 'Linc'

Meet Linc the 17 month old Husky cross. Linc presented to us with a known history of eating his owner's laundry a few hours beforehand. After taking some radiographs we could see he still had a very full stomach!



He was given an injection that induced vomiting and 10 minutes later... this is what we found. Not 1, not 2, but 4 items!!! Embarrassed of his actions, Linc was made to pose with his prizes, they clearly seemed like a good idea at the time.

