



VET NEWS

WINTER 2016

PAULINE SELL,
BVET MED, CERT SAS, MRCVS
VETERINARY SURGEON

OFFICE: 5 CAGE END CLOSE,
HATFIELD BROAD OAK,
BISHOPS STORTFORD, CM22 7HU

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HEATH, HATFIELD HEATH, CM22
7EB

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Angiostrongylus vasorum,
canine lungworm



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MORE DOG DEATHS FROM LUNG WORM HAVE BEEN REPORTED IN OUR AREA! (BISHOPS STORTFORD AND TAKELEY) – PLEASE BE LUNGWORM AWARE AND SPEAK TO US IF YOU WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT PREVENTING THIS KILLER DISEASE. SYMPTOMS CAN INCLUDE BREATHING PROBLEMS/COUGHING, POOR BLOOD CLOTTING, GENERAL ILL HEALTH AND BEHAVIOUR CHANGES IF THE BRAIN IS AFFECTED. A SIMPLE MONTHLY APPLICATION OF ADVOCATE CAN KEEP THEM SAFE.

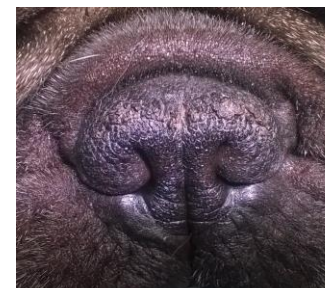
TICK AWARENESS HAS INCREASED SINCE THE ARRIVAL OF TICKS FROM EUROPE WITH SEVERAL NEW DISEASES INCLUDING **BABESIOSIS**. SEVERAL MORE CASES OF BABESIOSIS HAVE BEEN DIAGNOSED IN ESSEX THIS AUTUMN. AT THE BEGINNING OF NOVEMBER, WE MANAGED TO FIND “BRITISH” TICKS IN OUR LOCAL VILLAGE GREEN, SHOWING THAT TICK PREVENTION IS STILL NECESSARY EVEN IN COOLER WEATHER. IT HAS ALSO BEEN A BUMPER YEAR FOR **HARVEST MITES**; AS THE NAME SUGGESTS THESE TINY ORANGE PESTS ARRIVE IN THE SUMMER AND HANG AROUND UNTIL THE WEATHER GETS COLDER. THEY CAUSE IRRITATION TO THE FEET, LEGS, BELLIES AND BOTTOMS OF CATS AND DOGS AND WE HAVE SEEN MORE THAN EVER THIS YEAR.

Ticks can be removed with a tick twister but prevention is better



VACCINATION-Not just for youngsters.

If your adult dog, cat or rabbit's yearly vaccinations have lapsed, we are offering a **VACCINATION AMNESTY** in January and February 2017. This means they can have a vaccination course for the price of a booster (dogs and cats) and reduced cost for a rabbit vaccination. Please call for details – it's so important to keep our pets healthy by keeping booster vaccinations up to date.



Dog breeds like pugs and French bulldogs can sometimes have difficulty breathing. Widening the nostrils surgically can, in many cases, be a simple way of increasing the amount of air that can get in and out of the lungs as you can see in our patient before (left) and immediately after (right) surgery.

REPEAT PRESCRIPTIONS

Please order all medication, diet and supplies by MONDAY 21ST DECEMBER (contact 07970 651710 or mobilevet@btinternet.com) at the latest and ensure you have sufficient to last until TUESDAY 3RD JANUARY.