



VILLAGE VETERINARY CLINIC NEWSLETTER

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*The Vets and Staff of
Village Veterinary Clinic
would like to wish everyone
a happy festive season and
thank you for your support
during 2018*



Message from Dr Craig Mostert

This is it! Our final Newsletter of 2018, can you believe it? The time has arrived where we look back over the year and reflect on all the goodbyes, and we start looking toward the New Year where we will embrace all the new hellos.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our clients for their tremendous support this year. Village continues to grow from strength to strength and we know that this is because of clients that have become family. We would like to thank all our new clients for joining us and wish you a warm welcome!

Some have remarked on the warmth and friendliness of Village and our high standard of care and compassion. Thank you for those words of praise. Village and everything we accomplish here is a team effort, we love what we do and the standard of medicine that we practice. We are delighted that our love for what we do is evident to see.

One of the big 'hellos' we have said this year is to our parlour team. What a delight it has been to transform that space! Our Parlour is doing so well and we are delighted with all the positive feedback. There have been many clients who have booked their pets in to 'give it a try' and we are delighted that they have turned into regulars, joining the 'Village Parlour Family'.

For those that leave us to head for lands beyond our borders, go well, you take with you our very best wishes for you and your pets that we have come to know and love. We look forward to your familiar names popping up on our Facebook Page as we stay in touch across the miles.

In closing, thank you to our amazing team, our recent additions and those that have been part of the Village Family for so many years. We do great things here and every single person contributes to that, so thank you.

For our clients that are traveling, we wish you a safe journey on your travels and to everyone have a wonderful and peaceful Christmas.

All the best to you and your families.

Dr Craig Mostert

PetDialog

The intelligent collar mounted monitor for your dog



PetDialog is a small tracking device which fits onto your dog's collar and syncs to your cell phone via blue tooth. The mobile app that it interacts with is free and enables you to build a story of your pet's life and vitality. It helps you and your vet choose the best course of action to keep your pet in top shape.

Download the PetDialog app to track data 24/7 on walking, running, sprinting, eating, drinking, sleeping, resting, head shaking and scratching. The dynamic built-in calendar also provides vital reminders for key dates, such as vaccinations, flea and worm treatments as well as other treatments.

PetDialog lets you connect with your local vet practice. As a result your vet will gain a deeper insight into your pet's life, helping you both provide the best possible quality of care.

Come in and chat to our vets and receptionists about this amazing programme.



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Dogs and swimming



Swimming is great exercise for a dog and many dogs love the water. Dogs swim in swimming pools, lakes, ponds, rivers and the ocean. They run on beaches and ride in boats, but as with most physical activities, swimming comes with a few dangers, so it is up to you to keep your dog safe.

With the warm weather upon us, swimming pools will be put to good use. Most dogs can't climb out the side of a pool or up a ladder, so teach yours where the steps are so that he can get out of the water. Even good swimmers drown in pools when they become exhausted and can't find a way out.

If your dog has been swimming in chlorinated water, give him a quick bath to remove the chlorine which can cause skin irritations.



Some beaches allow dogs and playing in the waves can be great fun. Be sure that dogs are allowed, follow the rules and clean up after your dog.



Remember, the canines aren't the only ones going barefoot on the beach. If he has been swimming in the ocean you need to remove the salt from his coat and skin to prevent irritations.

No matter where your dog goes swimming, be sure to clean and dry their ears afterwards. Water retained in the ears makes a terrific environment for bacteria and yeast to grow.

Our Identipet Microchip special for December is R199

Keep your microchip details updated

Dog and cat microchipping is a simple procedure. A veterinarian simply injects a microchip, which is smaller than a grain of rice, beneath the surface of your pet's skin between the shoulder blades. The process is similar to a routine vaccine, only takes a few seconds, and your pet will not react any more than he would to an injection. No anaesthetic is required.

The microchip itself has no internal energy source, so it will last the lifetime of your pet. However, there have been cases of faulty microchips, so we do advise that you have the chip scanned on a regular basis to ensure it is still active. The microchip is read by passing a scanner over the pet's shoulder blades. The scanner emits a low radio frequency that provides the power necessary to transmit the microchips' unique ID code and positively identify the pet.

If your pet gets lost and is taken to the SPCA or a veterinary clinic, they will scan the microchip to read the code. This is the number registered on the database linked to your contact information which is used to contact you and reunite you with your pet.

In order for you to be reunited with your beloved pet, it is vital that you ensure all your contact details are recorded correctly on the registration form, as well as updating any details that have changed. You should also contact the appropriate microchip company immediately after implantation to guarantee that the initial registration has been completed.

It is pointless having a microchip implanted if your contact details are not available or incorrect, so please check they have been recorded on the relevant website.



**VILLAGE
PET PARLOUR**

To book an appointment to pamper your pet and get their coat in tip-top condition phone Daphne on:
031 655 1257 or 079 626 6927

“ Silence is the best answer for all questions..& Smiling is the best reaction to all situations..”





Breed specific - Cairn Terriers



When most people hear the word terrier, they picture Toto, the Cairn Terrier in The Wizard of Oz. And rightfully so, because this sturdy little dog breed is everything a terrier was designed to be – strong, hardy, plucky, and spirited. "He stands up on his toes", is an old saying about terriers.

The Cairn Terrier is one of the oldest terrier breeds, originating in the Scottish Highlands and recognized as one of Scotland's earliest working dogs. The breed was given the name Cairn, because the breed's function was to hunt and chase quarry between the cairns in the Scottish highlands.

The Cairn Terrier loves to play and needs his daily walks. But he is adaptable to any home in which he can be a full participant and busybody and where his bold terrier traits are kept under control by a confident owner. Adult Cairn Terriers may be friendly or reserved with strangers, but are always alert and quick to announce guests.



This breed can be scrappy and bossy with other pets, but will co-exist with them more readily than some other terriers. However, strange animals may be a different story, as the Cairn Terrier was bred to hunt and will chase anything that moves. He is inquisitive, so a leash or fenced yard is essential at all times.

Assertive but cheerful, with typical terrier stubbornness, the Cairn Terrier must be shown that you are in charge. But he does respond well to consistent discipline and lots of praise. Cairn Terriers can be possessive of their food and toys. And being respectable terriers, they are enthusiastic diggers and barkers.



If you want a dog who is small, yet sturdy and tough, not a delicate lapdog, a Cairn Terrier may be right for you.

- Has a natural appearance
- Needs only moderate exercise
- Makes a keen watchdog
- Doesn't shed too much
- Co-exists with other pets more willingly than

What not to give pets at Christmas

During the Christmas season, it is very tempting to share our delicious goodies with our furry companions. Although your pets might look at you with pleading eyes whilst you carve the turkey or pour the gravy, please remember that most of our festive season food is very rich and may upset their digestive systems. This could result in a nasty bout of gastroenteritis and a visit to the emergency clinic on Boxing Day.



Please also be aware of edible presents wrapped and placed under the Christmas tree. Rather store edible presents such as chocolates, biltong and nuts in a cupboard and hand them out on Christmas day. Dogs are very adept at sniffing these out, even through wrapping paper and one Christmas we treated a patient that had unwrapped and consumed three slabs of chocolate. Chocolate can be extremely toxic to dogs, especially dark chocolate which contains higher levels of theobromine. Whilst we may enjoy a chocolate or two with our coffee, our pets would be better off with a dog biscuit or rawhide treat.



For those of you who have young puppies at home during this season, please be aware of gift wrapping, ribbons, string and plastic lying around after the frenzy of gift opening. These make exciting but dangerous chew toys for curious pups and are intestinal foreign bodies waiting to happen - another potential reason for a Boxing Day visit to the emergency clinic.



Small children's toys and, plastic contents of Christmas crackers may also be tempting to your puppy so try to place these out of reach or confine your puppy until after the festivities are over.

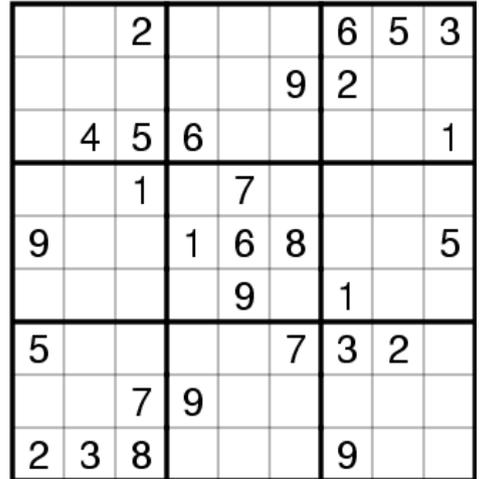
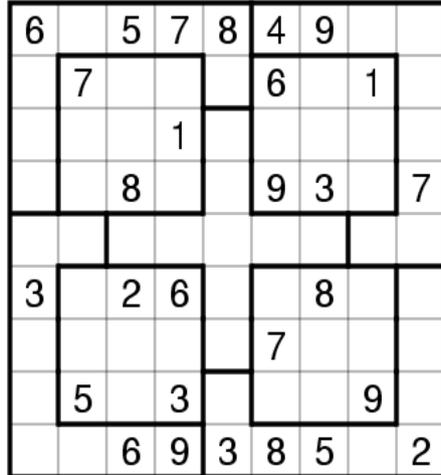
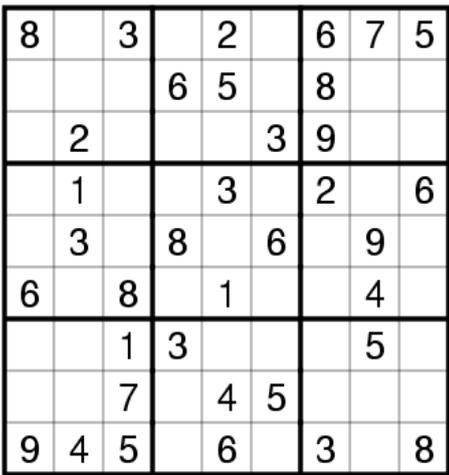
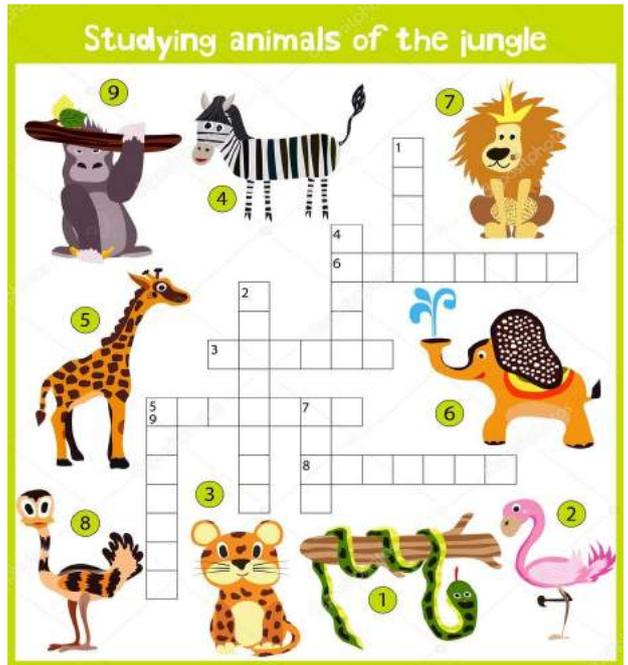
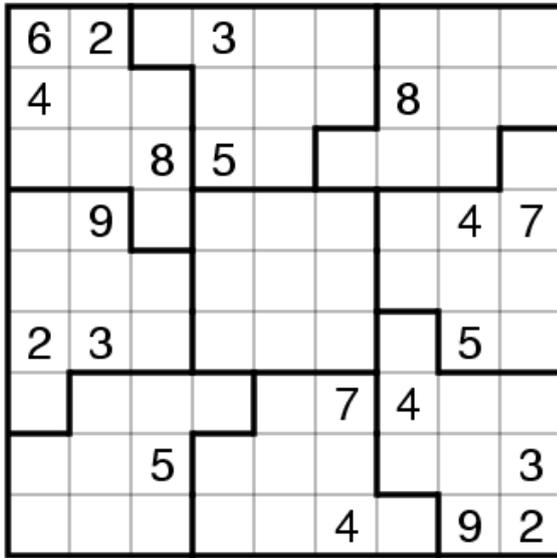
OUR OPENING HOURS DURING THE FESTIVE SEASON

MONDAY, 24 th	-	7:30am to 2:00pm
TUESDAY, 25 th	-	CLOSED
WEDNESDAY, 26 th	-	CLOSED
THURSDAY, 27 th	-	7:30am to 6:00pm
FRIDAY, 28 th	-	7:30am to 6:00pm
SATURDAY, 29 th	-	8:00am to 12:00pm
MONDAY, 31 st	-	7:30am to 6:00pm
TUESDAY, 1 st	-	CLOSED





Puzzle Page



Spot the Difference

There are 10 differences between the two snowman pictures. Can you find them all?

