

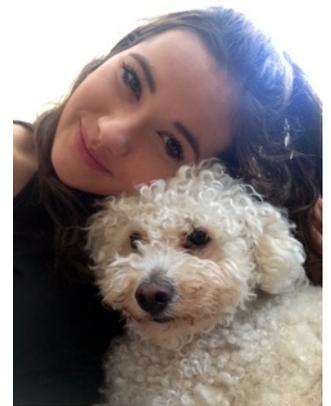
## NEW FACES FOR 2016

We are delighted to introduce two new members of our team and one Midforest baby (so far!)



Donna Blandford RVN (pictured left) joined our Totton nursing team in January. She is working part time and has come from a practice in Bishops Waltham. Donna has worked in veterinary practice for over 5 years, and qualified as a RVN in 2014. Donna has a young son and a dog, Woody to keep her on her toes when she is not at work. Welcome to the team Donna!

Sarah Spencer (pictured right) joins our Lyndhurst reception team as a full-time apprentice to provide additional support to us all whilst Eva and Kate are on maternity leave. This is Sarah's first job in a veterinary practice so we appreciate your patience in the coming months as we train her. Sarah is passionate about animals and people and loves to spend her free time walking dogs and and keeping fit at the gym.



Pictured left is baby Frederick, born to Eva (Lyndhurst Veterinary Nurse) and her partner John on 29th February weighing 7 lbs exactly. Isn't he a handsome chap!

Kate (Lyndhurst Nurse) is currently on maternity leave and is expecting her baby anytime now.

## Microchip Law 2016

Did you know that all Microchips are not the same?

Just like most other things in life, there is a choice in brands and quality for microchips. We only use the very best microchips that we can get. These are Tracer Advance Slim chips. Most microchips have a glass outer capsule but Tracer Advance has a fully encapsulated bio-polymer capsule making it 10 times stronger than glass and less likely to shatter. In addition Tracer come with a lifetime registration on the biggest UK pet database Petlog. Our new Tracer Advance slim chips are 20% thinner than the microchip pictured here resulting in a much easier and less painful insertion.



**After the 6th April 2016, dogs over 8 weeks old must legally be microchipped. If you have a dog that is not yet microchipped please contact our reception to make an appointment.**

# HAZARDS FOR PETS AT SPRINGTIME

Easter may have been and gone but if you haven't yet consumed all your chocolate then be aware of the dangers to your pets of some human foods such as chocolate or raisins. Some of the plants seen at this time of year can also be dangerous to your pets. Spring bulbs can be poisonous e.g. daffodils, tulips, narcissus and hyacinth. If the bulbs are eaten (especially the skin at the bottom of the bulb) they can cause nausea, vomiting and diarrhoea. In more serious cases they can cause an increased heart and respiratory rate. If dogs eat bulbs whole they can also cause an obstruction.



Inside the home we may well have cut flowers. Lilies pose the biggest danger to our cats. Many varieties of lily are poisonous causing potentially fatal kidney disease. Your cat doesn't even have to chew on the lilies to be affected. Simply washing the pollen off their coat or drinking the water the lilies are in can cause harm so if in doubt please don't have lilies in the house. For more information on poisonous plants scan the QR codes below

## SPRING WORMING OFFER

We are pleased to be able to offer 25% off the cost of Milbemax 4-packs wormers during April and May.



*Link to the  
International Cat  
Care list of plants  
poisonous to cats*



*Link to the Dogs Trust  
comprehensive list of  
plants, garden and  
household substances  
harmful to dogs*

## STOP PRESS

### NEW TICK-BORNE DOG DISEASE

You may have read in the news about the first recorded cases of Babesiosis in British dogs that have **not** travelled outside of the UK. The cases have so far been only in Essex. This disease is widespread through much of Europe. Babesia is a parasite that causes destruction of red blood cells and anaemia and is spread by biting ticks. It remains to be seen how quickly this disease will spread across the country. The best way to protect your dog is to use an effective regular tick treatment. This is especially the case if you travel overseas with your dog in the Pet Travel Scheme. We have a variety of effective tick control products and our team will be happy to help you find the right option for your pets(s).

### Practice Opening Hours

#### **Totton Practice**

Mon-Fri 08.30-18.45 Sat 08.45- 12.00  
Tel. 023 80660400

#### **Lyndhurst Practice**

Mon-Fri 08.30- 18.00 Sat 08.45-12.00  
Tel. 023 80282358

Email: [enquiries@midforestvets.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@midforestvets.co.uk)

**Outside of our opening hours we run our own 24/7 emergency service with our own vets and nurses.**

**Just call the Practice telephone number for instructions on how to contact the duty vet.**

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