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Lanes Vets Newsletter

Here you'll find great advice, offers for you and your pet, news, hints & tips, seasonal advice and much, much more!

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May Is Veterinary Nursing Awareness Month!

Some vet nurses are practice managers, and some are senior nurses or specialists. Some work in education, cultivating the next generation of nurses, and some work in industry, the charity sector, or research. 🧐

Our Veterinary Nurses are an integral part of our veterinary team at Lanes Vets and are vital for the smooth running of our practice. 🩺

The [Registered Veterinary Nurse \(RVN\)](#) title is used by our nurses who have undergone extensive training and education. Once they've passed their final nursing exams, all nurses are entered into the VN register and are regulated by the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons (RCVS). They follow the Code of Professional Conduct for Veterinary Nurses, which includes the requirement to undertake Continuing Professional Development (CPD) to keep their skills up to date.

Our vet nurses provide expert nursing care for sick pets and play an important role in supporting pet owners in keeping their pets healthy. They carry out essential clinical work and are skilled in performing diagnostic tests and treatments. They can also be delegated minor surgical procedures. Our Registered Veterinary Nurses have the technical knowledge and hands-on expertise to care for animals with skill and empathy.

For more information on veterinary nursing, please visit the [BVNA website](#).

Get to know our amazing team of RVNs on our website

👉 <https://www.lanesvets.com/our-team-pets/>



What roles do our veterinary nurses have in practice?

- 👉 They provide in-patient care
- 👉 They monitor anaesthesia and sedated pets
- 👉 They take blood samples and place intravenous catheters
- 👉 They take radiographs
- 👉 They provide dietary advice
- 👉 They support owners during bereavement
- 👉 They manage our dispensary
- 👉 They provide intensive care to critical patients
- 👉 They support patients who are whelping
- 👉 They provide first aid
- 👉 They manage and package up laboratory samples
- 👉 They provide weight management advice
- 👉 They provide a nurse consultation service
- 👉 They provide dental care
- 👉 Scrubbing into surgical cases and assisting the surgeon
- 👉 Provide sterile supplies management and maintenance
- 👉 Carry out minor surgical procedures
- 👉 Provide aftercare for patients post procedures



**Has your golden oldie had their
blood pressure checked this year?
Schedule yours now!**



When was the last time your pet had their blood pressure measured? 🐱🐶
This simple check is quick and painless, helping us catch hypertension as early as possible.

Hypertension is often silent at first, but as it progresses, it can cause problems to sensitive organs, such as the eyes and the kidneys. This condition can also signal serious underlying problems like hyperthyroidism or chronic kidney disease.

Blood pressure monitoring is important, especially for cats ages 7 and older, but our nurse clinics are offering it to all patients when necessary.

Schedule yours now! 📅

A reminder of our Opening Hours for the upcoming Bank Holidays:

May Bank Holidays

Opening Hours

6th May and 27th May -
Poulton, Lancaster and
Cottam are closed.
Garstang has consults for
urgent cases
from 10am to 12am.

For emergencies call
01995 603 349.





Is your cat microchipped?

The deadline for compulsory microchipping is **10th June 2024**



The microchipping law for cats is changing in England! If your cat is over 20 weeks old, they must be microchipped by the 10th of June 2024, or you could be fined up to £500. 🇬🇧 🐾

This small chip is the size of a grain of rice, and it can be placed under your pet's skin without causing any harm. When you register the microchip number and your details with one of the pet chip databases, it will be possible for people that find your cat (for instance, a vet or an animal rescue member) to read the microchip and know how to get in touch with you.

Schedule your microchipping appointment with us today!



A lot of people have heard of blue-green algae (also called cyanobacteria) and the dangers that their toxins might pose for pets who come into contact with them, but do you know when and where you can find these bacteria? 🤔

Cyanobacteria like to grow in warmer water that doesn't move a lot, so if you like going for outdoor adventures with your pets in those sunny late spring and summer days, you might run into them in:

- 💧 Smaller places like fountains or bird baths that haven't been cleaned well
- 💧 Ponds, lakes and slow-moving rivers
- 💧 Puddles that formed during heavy rain or flooding

They can look like greenish paint spilled on the water, brownish clumps on the surface, or even thick foam.

Don't delay! If you notice your pet might have ingested contaminated water, call us as soon as possible.