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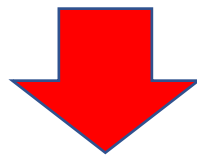
## The Nook





### **The Nook has been open 6 months!**

Since opening our doors at our new premises in August 2021, we have continued to grow, with wonderful positive feedback from clients old and new. Everyone loves the car park at our new practice, and did you know we even have an electric vehicle charging point?



## **SAVE THE DATE!**

### **Open Day**

Put the date in your diary. We are hosting an open day on Saturday 25th June. This will give you a chance to have a guided tour of the practice by our team. We are currently liaising with local animal rescue charities, Abbeydale Vet Nurse Training Centre, Royal Canin, and other supply companies to support the day.

### **Recycling**

Over the last few years recycling at home has become part of our everyday lives, but in the workplace, it can sometimes be a challenge, particularly when dealing with single-use plastics. At Brookfield, we are committed to reducing our environmental impact, and have been working hard to achieve this. In collaboration with Pedicargo and Herefordshire Community Recycling and Reuse Group, our Hereford branch has a recycling facility for clients to return brown plastic medicine bottles and tablet blister packs – neither of which can be recycled with kerbside collections. Recycling these will not only help to reduce the amount of plastic that ends up in landfill, but money raised will help the local community.

Just pop both into the bins in reception at Hereford or Ledbury. Please thoroughly rinse out medicine bottles first to remove residue from tablets or solutions and replace the lid. Either remove the dispensing label or make your personal information illegible.



### **James**

James started with Brookie in September 2020, as our helpful animal nursing assistant. Since then, James has shown how caring and kind-natured he is with all the animals we see daily at Ledbury, and has now been put forward to complete his Veterinary Nursing Diploma. He recently had an interview for his course, which he flew through with flying colours, and is starting his training in the spring this year. We're sure you will all join us in saying a huge congratulations to our now SVN James!

### **RCVS-approved training centre**

We are excited to announce we passed our inspection in January to become a Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons approved training centre. To pass the inspection, we had to demonstrate high standards of facilities, such as our in-house laboratory, diagnostic imaging, surgical theatre, and patient care areas, including separate cat and dog wards. We also had to evidence that we maintain a high standard of clinical care to patients and clients alike. James will be the first student nurse to be trained at Ledbury.



### **Katie**

Katie, our new Registered Veterinary Nurse, will be joining the Brookie family in Ledbury, at the start of March. Katie is a keen baker and looking forward to providing the team with treats! She also enjoys walking and cycling around the local countryside with her son Jack and helping on her brother's farm with his sheep and cattle. We are sure you will all give Katie a very warm welcome.



### **Tara**

We are also delighted to welcome Tara to the reception team at Ledbury. She has previous experience of working in a veterinary setting and will be more than happy to help with any queries you may have. She is also responsible for the newsletter, so if you have any exciting news you'd like us to include, please email it over to her!



### **Spring**

As we look forward to the warmer, longer days ahead, there are some potential hazards to look out for in your garden! Some plants and bulbs can be dangerous for your pets, especially if eaten, these include daffodils and lilies. Also, things such as fertilisers, mouse baits and slug pellets can be potentially very harmful for your beloved pets. If you are at all concerned that your pet has ingested anything untoward in the garden, please don't hesitate to contact us at either practice.



### **Easter**

With Easter just around the corner, there may be large amounts of chocolate within our homes, which can attract the attention of our pets. Chocolate can be very dangerous for both cats and dogs, and if ingested they should be seen immediately by a vet. Other Easter treats, such as hot cross buns which contain raisins, should also be stored away from pets. Raisins are potentially very harmful to dogs and cats, especially as there is no 'safe' amount for them to eat. Once again, please contact us ASAP if you think your pet may have eaten something that they shouldn't have!

Thank you for our wonderful Petplan Vet Award nominations; it's fabulous to feel appreciated. Chris and Victoria are off to the award ceremony in March, for an evening of glad rags and entertainment!



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