



Scott Veterinary Clinic

News



Summer
2020

Opening hours

(excluding Bank Holidays)

Bedford:

Mon-Fri 08.00-19.00

Sat 08.00-16.00

Sun 09.00-12.00

405 Goldington Road

MK41 0DS

01234 261622

Sharnbrook:

Open from 06/07/20

Mon-Fri 09.00-13.00

44 High Street

MK44 1PF

01234 782204

Wixams:

Open from 06/07/20

Mon-Fri 09.00-13.00

(next to Garden Centre)

Bedford Road

MK45 3HU

01234 742423

During COVID-19, please always call our team, at the appropriate branch, before you attend and upon arrival on:

Bed:01234 261622

Shar:01234 782204

Wix:01234 742423

Summertime & Sunshine

We've had some fabulous weather this Spring and, despite recent events, at least we've had blue skies and plenty of sunshine to enjoy. We hope the Summer months will continue to provide us with many more opportunities to get out and about. As always, the sun at this time of year is strong, even when its cloudy and for your pets this can quickly become an issue. Here are some helpful hints and tips for keeping your fufriends cool this Summer:

- Walk your dog early in the day, before it gets too hot. If an early walk isn't possible perhaps try walking in a shaded wood.
- Remember, hot pavements will burn their pads, just like they would burn your feet!
- Do NOT leave your pet in the car or conservatory, even just for a short while and with the windows open. If you can't bear to sit in that heat, neither can they.
- Create a shady and well ventilated area for your pets, for those inside & out, and always make sure they have plenty of fresh clean water to drink, you can even add ice cubes!
- Many pets love a splash so a sturdy paddling pool, sprinkler or hosepipe will not only keep them cool but is great fun too! For the smaller pets, a spray bottle set to 'fine mist' might be welcome.
- Don't forget the wildies! Shallow shaded water baths provide a welcome relief to birds, insects and hedgehogs!

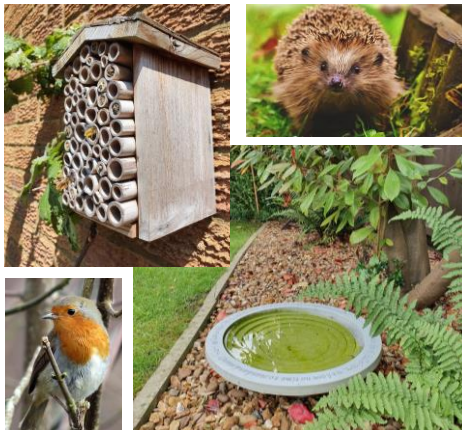


Covid19 Services

We continue to provide 24 hour RCVS accredited hospital care for your pets and we are now slowly beginning to resume more 'usual' services in accordance with RCVS and BVA guidelines, such as:

- All vaccinations
- Blood tests
- Routine Veterinary Consultations, by appointment only
- Blood sampling, Microchipping
- Neutering
- Repeat prescription examinations/collections
- Pet Shop – Food and Accessories
- Professional advice
- Preventative healthcare products – flea/worm treatments

We are open 7 days a week at our Bedford site and our branches at Sharnbrook & Wixams will be open from 06/07/2020. We've adapted our services to comply with social distancing and you will be asked to always phone/text before attending and upon arrival. This helps our team to plan and prepare in advance and helps to reduce your waiting time. We thank you for your patience and understanding during these challenging times. We remain committed to providing professional and compassionate care for your pets 24/7



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65 years of SVC

Scott's has been a part of Bedford's Community since the mid 1950's.....

The practice is named after William Alexander 'Alec' Scott, who was born in Belfast in 1927. He trained at Trinity College, Dublin and qualified as a Vet in 1952.

Mr Scott first worked in practice in Falmouth before moving to Bedford in 1955, having already bought Mr Hill's practice in 1954 at 49 Howbury Street, formerly an old fish shop! The image here shows how Howbury Street appeared in the 1950's.



Howbury Street originally had just one consulting room and on a Tuesday afternoon this room became an operating theatre. The waiting room was the passage from the front door. The office had an open fire, around which some animals were laid to recover from their anaesthetic and there were 4 walk-in kennels in the 'outhouse'.

The practice was relocated to Goldington Road, where it stands today. In April 1997 the premises was officially opened with a tree planting ceremony, with the guest of honour being Mr W.A Scott himself. The crab apple tree grows happily in the grounds of the practice to this day.

Today's Clinical Directors, Tally Clift, Francesca Forster and Vicki Farbon have many years experience between them, serving the local community.

Our caring team are able to offer outstanding patient care using the most modern and up to date diagnostic and patient monitoring equipment.

The practice is an accredited training and assessment practice for Veterinary Nurses, has been a member of the RCVS Practice Standards scheme since 2004 and was recognised as an RCVS accredited Small Animal Veterinary Hospital in 2019. We are also a British Small Animal Veterinary Association Approved Clinic. Our Hydrotherapy services are also accredited by the Canine Hydrotherapy Association.



Why should I brush my pets teeth?

The prime aim is to keep the mouth as hygienic as possible and to reduce the rate at which tartar builds up on the teeth. You can help do this by:

- Brushing – this is the most effective way of reducing plaque and tartar. A number of toothpastes and brushes are available from your Vet for use in animals. You only need to brush the outside of your pets teeth and with gentleness, patience and perseverance, it is possible to regularly clean their teeth in this way.
- Providing a diet which encourages chewing such as a dry biscuit diet. The act of chewing stimulates the production of saliva, which contains natural antibacterial substances and the mechanical action helps stop the plaque and tartar building up on the teeth. Any dry diet will help the teeth to some degree but there are specific diets available which are designed especially for this purpose.



In many cases its best to start brushing your pets teeth when they are young and make it part of a regular daily routine. If you are trying this for the first time, in an adult, introduce the process slowly and build up the routine over the period of a few weeks. Pet toothpaste not only contains enzymes which help to control bacteria in the mouth but they also taste good! A tasty toothpaste definitely helps! You can buy specially designed pet brushes and toothpaste from our waiting rooms. Please phone ahead so that we can prepare your request in advance and we will advise on our measures in place for social distancing.

Overdue vaccinations

Is your pets vaccination now overdue? We appreciate many pets will not have had their boosters because of lockdown. We are therefore contacting those on our records, overdue for their vaccine, to arrange an appointment.

If you haven't had contact from us and know your pets' vaccination is due, please contact our lovely team on 01234 261622. For those who need to restart their course of 2 injections (if the annual booster is more than 3 months overdue) we are currently offering a vaccine amnesty where you pay for the first and you get the second FREE.

Committed to providing professional and compassionate care 24 hours a day