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### **BIGGAR SURGERY**

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## Biggar opening hours

Mon 8.30am - 7.00pm Tues - Fri 8.30am - 6.00pm Saturday 9.00am - 12noon

## **Biggar consultations**

Mon - Fri 9.00am - 10.30am Mon 2.00pm - 7.00pm Tues - Fri 2.00pm - 6.00pm Saturday 9.00am - 11.00am

### **PEEBLES SURGERY**

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### Peebles opening hours

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#### Peebles consultations

Mon - Fri 9.00am - 10.30am Mon - Fri 2.00pm - 6.00pm Wed 2.00pm - 7.00pm Saturday 10.00am - 12noon

# 24 HOUR EMERGENCY SERVICE

for registered clients (call Biggar or Peebles)



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## **NEWSLETTER June 2021**

# Kennel cough

What is kennel cough? Kennel cough is otherwise known as canine infectious tracheobronchitis. It causes inflammation of the upper respiratory tract and coughing in dogs, and can be caused by a number of different viruses and bacteria. It is easily passed from

dog to dog, for example in kennels, at a dog show, or even in the park.

How do I know if my dog has kennel cough? Kennel cough sounds as if there might be something stuck in your dogs throat - it's a forceful hacking cough. Apart from the cough, dogs are usually well, bright and eating.

How is kennel cough treated? In most cases no treatment is required and kennel cough will resolve by itself, although it can take a few weeks. Some dogs may benefit from antibiotics, anti-inflammatories and cough suppressants, but the condition is usually

only serious in animals with underlying health problems. A harness rather than a neck lead is useful to reduce irritation during recovery.

Should I vaccinate my dog against kennel cough? Dogs which are booked in to boarding kennels are required to have kennel cough vaccinations, and



we'd also recommend it for dogs mixing frequently with others when out and about. Kennel cough vaccination doesn't prevent kennel cough altogether, but will reduce severity and duration of the cough.



Kennel cough vaccination Kennel cough vaccination is administered intra-nasally (up the nose). One dose protects after 5 days, and lasts up to 12 months. An injectable kennel cough vaccination is now being produced by manufacturers, but requires 2 doses 4 weeks apart for full protection, and is currently very expensive compared to the intra-nasal vaccine.

# Weddings...



Our lovely RVN Rachel who works mainly in the Peebles surgery, recently married fiance Hamish. They unfortunately had postpone their wedding several times due to Covid, but finally had a lovely wedding Traquir House.

## Covid 19 update

We have made the decision for the protection of our team to wait until we are all vaccinated before allowing clients back into our consulting rooms. One person at a time can now wait in the reception area in each surgery. We really appreciate everyone's understanding and patience with the way we have been working, and hope to be back to normal soon.

## ....and babies!

Huge congratulations our vets Claire and Danielle who both had babies this spring!

Claire and her Alan partner welcomed baby Finlay in March, their first baby, weighing 8lb 6oz.



Then in April Danielle gave birth to baby Blair, a third child for her and hubby Bruce, and a wee brother for their delighted little girls.





## Two Rivers Vets Pet Health Club

We now have almost 800 pets registered with our Pet Health Club! To make it easier to join, we can offer online sign-up. Existing members can also use the online sign-up to add a new pet. For more information about our Pet Health Club, please email or message us and we'll send you a leaflet with all the details.



details and sign up today.

£18.00

Our Pet Health Club offers:

- · annual vaccinations included in cost of plan
- · 50% off kennel cough vaccinations
- a full examination every 6 months, with a urine test for all pets and blood pressure check for cats over 8 yrs
- full 12 month supply of the most suitable veterinarylicensed worm, flea and tick products
- microchiping
- · nail clipping and anal gland emptying
- 10% off neutering
- 15% off dental care (including brushes, toothpaste, scale and polish etc)
- 15% off Royal Canin Lifestyle diets with regular weight checks and dietary advice



