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BIGGAR SURGERY

157 High Street, Biggar
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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 - 12noon
Mon 2.00pm - 7.00pm
Tues - Fri 2.00pm - 6.00pm
Saturday 9.00am - 11.00am

PEEBLES SURGERY

15 Old Town, Peebles
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Peebles opening hours

Mon - Fri 8.30am - 6.00pm
Wed 8.30am - 7.00pm
Saturday 10.00am - 12.30pm

Peebles consultations

Mon - Fri 9.00am - 12noon
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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Diabetes management in pets

Diabetes in pets is a relatively common condition - unfortunately it cannot be cured, but it can be managed. Most diabetic pets need daily injections of insulin, which we teach owners to do at home themselves. We monitor blood glucose regularly, with diabetic pets having frequent check-ups with our vets or nurses.

Owners are encouraged to keep a diary of their dog or cat's food habits, drinking, exercise, behaviour and demeanour, which also helps to give us a full picture of whether the diabetes is stable or not.

A glucose curve can be used to give an even better idea of what a pet's blood glucose levels are doing over a day and can help us see when any highs and lows are occurring - this involves a series of blood samples usually taken over a 12 hour period. We tend to do these during the initial stabilisation of a diabetic patient, or when we think there is poor control of blood glucose levels. Permanent glucose-monitoring devices are also available for monitoring, which attach to the pet's skin and can be read electronically.



Animals with diabetes can lead a happy and fairly normal life, as long as the diabetes is well-controlled. Complications include development of cataracts, and pets can be more prone to urinary tract infections. Collapse and seizures can be caused by an overdose of insulin, so regular monitoring is essential to make sure that the dose continues to be correct.

Two Rivers Vets recently became accredited as a Living Wage employer, which means that we pay all our team at least the Living Wage, regardless of their position in the practice. This has been independently calculated as the amount people actually need to live on, rather than the minimum wage.



101 Dalmations



Lovely bitch Hope had one puppy but then got stuck, so we had to step in and help with a caesarian. Mum and puppies were in for a recent check up with us in Peebles and are doing amazingly well.



Well not quite, but delivery of 16 wire haired pointer puppies was pretty good going!

Piggy manicures!

Being a mixed practice, we see a great range of animals, from pet birds and small mammals to alpacas and bulls. Trevor went to visit four pigs - Rhubarb, Custard, Hannibal and Campbell - to sedate each of them to trim their feet. Hoof care is important for pigs, as their feet do become overgrown sometimes and need cut back, just like trimming overgrown nails. There was a fifth cheeky piggy called Wilbur who wasn't having any of it and wouldn't be caught!



Preventative health care - fleas and ticks!

Fleas can be a year-round problem but ticks are also particularly prevalent at this time of year. They may carry various diseases including the bacteria that causes Lyme disease, which affects animals and people too. Make sure you use a veterinary licensed product to ensure that ticks are killed off if trying to bite and attach to your pet.



Two Rivers Vets Pet Health Club

We now have over 1000 pets registered with our Pet Health Club! To make it easier to join, you can sign up online, and existing members can 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.



PET HEALTH CLUB TWO RIVERS VETS

The easy way to pay for looking after your pet's health. Become a member today!

Membership provides your pet with:

- ✓ Annual booster vaccinations
- ✓ Health check every 6 months
- ✓ Year round flea, tick and worm treatment
- ✓ Professional advice and support
- ✓ Convenient monthly payments
- ✓ Exclusive discounts on selected products and services

SAVE

while providing your pet with the very best preventative healthcare



Ask at reception for more details and sign up today.

RABBIT
£8.00
per month



CAT
£11.50
per month



SMALL DOG
(under 10 kg)
£11.75
per month



MEDIUM DOG
(10- under 20 kg)
£13.00
per month



LARGE DOG
(20-40 kg)
£15.25
per month



GIANT DOG
(Over 40 kg)
£18.00
per month



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 veterinary-licensed worm, flea and tick products
- microchipping
- nail clipping and anal gland emptying
- 10% off neutering
- 15% off dental care (including scale and polish under anaesthetic, brushes, toothpaste, dental chews etc)
- 15% off Royal Canin Lifestyle diets with regular weight checks and dietary advice

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