

# Mackie & Brechin

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## PRACTICE NEWS

**We would like to thank everyone for their continued support through the pandemic. We have been consulting from the carpark for over a year now and are very grateful to everybody for helping to overcome the logistical challenges that this has produced.**

**Although there is the occasional unwilling participant it has been nice to see just how calm and happy most pets are once they come through the door.**

**It is not known just yet when things will get back to normal and would like to thank you in the meantime for your ongoing patience and support.**

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# TICKS

It may be difficult to think of such things with the cold and rain still beating at the door but Spring will soon be upon us. For those dogs and cats who enjoy a more active outdoor lifestyle our minds at this time of year turn to protection against ticks. Ticks are small mites that feed by taking a blood meal from your pet (or you!) and in so doing can not only be unsightly and uncomfortable in causing localised inflammation and infection but can also pass on more serious conditions such as Lyme's disease. Ticks climb up long grass or similar vegetation and wait for a passing victim. This is called “questing” as they wave their forelimbs in the air to smell out deer, cattle, sheep, dogs, or cats.

We have several options to help prevent ticks -

- **Seresto Collar** - a collar that lasts for 8 months, also protecting against fleas.

- **Ataxxa** - a spot-on that lasts for 4 wks, also protecting against fleas and biting lice. Repels ticks, mosquitos, sandflies & stable flies.

- **Bravecto** - a tablet that lasts for 3 months, also protecting against fleas.

Please speak to us to discuss which option would be most suitable for you and remember that Pet Healthcare Plan members get 25% discount on all of the above products.



## **STAFF NEWS**

- Niall (Vet) is going to get an extra member of the family in the form of a Jack Russell puppy (good luck Niall)!!!!
- Kim (Vet Nurse) is currently studying for a Diploma in Advanced Dog Behaviour and is looking forward to putting the knowledge gained into practice here at the surgery.

## **CHARITY NEWS**

### **Dementia Assistance Dogs**

**This is a fantastic charity that we have been supporting throughout 2020/2021 who train dogs to live at home with families where a person has an early stage diagnosis of dementia and lives with a full-time carer.**

**They also provide community dog visits and dog day events. Pilot programmes in Scotland and Australia are demonstrating this model brings joy, companionship and practical help to both the immediate family and their network.**

**If you would like to learn more about this fabulous charity please follow the link: <https://dementiadog.org/>**

## **REPEAT PRESCRIPTIONS**

**Please remember that as well as ordering your prescriptions by telephone, you can now order them online. Go to our website and follow the link on our home page or copy the link below:**

**<https://mackieandbrechin.co.uk/services/repeat-prescriptions>**

**Please remember to give us 2 working days notice before collection.**

# USEFUL INFORMATION

## Out of Hours

In case of an accident or genuine emergency, please contact the duty vet on **0131 333 3203**.

You will then hear a voicemail message giving you the telephone number of the vet that is on call.

## Pet Healthcare Plan

The aim of the plan is to provide your pet with the best possible preventative healthcare, whilst allowing you to spread the cost with affordable monthly payments throughout the year.

Vaccination is extremely important to protect your pet from infectious diseases and maintain good health; therefore the plan includes annual boosters (including kennel cough for dogs and feline leukaemia virus for cats).

Healthcare Plan members will also benefit from 10% discounts on: Neutering, Imaging, In-house Blood tests, Surgery, Additional vaccination

(e.g. rabies), Dental work and all food and selected treats.

Joining is very straightforward. If you are interested in a simple, affordable way of protecting your pet's health please ask a member of staff or have a look on our website (web address below).



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