

## Spring Newsletter 08

Finally the evenings are lighter and we can all look forward to warmed times.

Not surprisingly we are not the only creatures to enjoy warmth and this is the time of year fleas start to get active, increasing in numbers at alarming rates . Last year the damp and warm summer saw an explosion of fleas -----now is the time to get your pets treated to prevent this build up. Why not start on National Flea Day, 23rd April this year.

For all the rabbit carers out there ,the mosquitoes will also become more active and this is one of the main vector carrier of the deadly disease of myxomatosis. Twice yearly vaccination is now recommended by the vaccine manufactures to try to prevent your rabbit dying of this disease, Vector control is also considered essential and we have products at the surgery you can apply to your rabbits to deter unwanted visitors.

The rise in pollen counts will see many more dogs come into our clinic with seasonal allergies ,making them itchy. For some, allergies can be a real problem but we are here to help keep your friends as comfortable as is possible .Take a moment to look at our common diseases link on the website ,and follow the link to atopy(allergies).

Should you have any reptile questions ,we are pleased to have Mr Ben Price BVMS MRCVS on staff now,a vet with special interest in these creatures.

On a personal note we say goodbye to Victoria who has moved on to a residency at Glasgow University Vet School .We all miss her and wish her all the very best with her future career.

The Bredon Clinic has finally got planning permission ,and we hope to be able to offer this local service from mid May 08. Initially we hope to open the new clinic for consultations between 9.00 and 10.00am, and 4.00 till 4.30 pm, Monday to Friday.

If you have found our website of interest why not drop us an email at [martinandcarrvets@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:martinandcarrvets@yahoo.co.uk) and let us know.

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