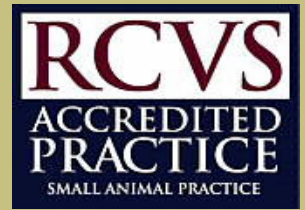




# animal ark adventures



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Festive Greetings!.....



Welcome to our new format newsletter. We trust you will find it informative and useful.

In this issue we include a list of tips for a stress free winter and announce our upgraded lab equipment.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support. We wish all a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

*Thought of the day:*

*Never send a cat to deliver cream!*

## 5th Annual Open Day and Christmas Party

Sunday 10 Dec 10am—4pm

We welcome regular and newcomers to this fabulous day. There are fun prizes and activities on offer for kids and kids at heart.

You will have the opportunity to tour our facilities and see what happens in the background. Industry reps and crew will be on deck to answer questions. Charities we support will be offering bric-a-brac. It is a fun day for all with food and drink provided. We look forward to thanking you for your loyal support throughout the year.

Pets are welcome but bear in mind it is a busy day with lots of people.

## ANNUAL PET FOOD RUN IS A ROARING SUCCESS!!

A record number of bikes participated in the British Motorcycle Federation (BMF) Charity Pet Food Run on Sunday, 15th October.

Upon their arrival at the Animal Ark, the bikers who delivered pet food and other items for charity enjoyed a BBQ on a lovely Autumn afternoon. Clients and pets alike joined in on the fun, with raffles and charity stalls on offer.

Goodmayes Avenue was lined with over 50 bikes on both sides of the street, and anybody hoping for an afternoon nap would have been awoken by the roar of the amazing machines that were on display. Graham Wade, BMF Event Co-ordinator commented "*This event gets bigger and bigger every year!*"

Most importantly, charities received over 300 items of pet food from bikers and clients, whilst over £500 was raised through the various raffles and charity stalls.

A big thank you to the Animal Ark crew and other volunteers who kindly donated their time - this event would not be the success it is without the continued support of the bikers, clients and their pets. Thank you once again and we look forward to seeing you again next year!

## UPGRADE OF LAB EQUIPMENT

We have updated our in-house lab equipment, specifically our chemistry, haematology and electrolyte analysers.

The Idexx® equipment provides greater information and allows us to carry out more tests in-house than what was previously available.

The software allows us to produce 'trend reports' which lets us monitor the effectiveness of treatment by highlighting the movement of a particular parameter over a period of time. For example, blood glucose levels in a diabetic dog or blood urea nitrogen levels in a cat with renal disease.

To ensure quality control, we have enrolled in the Idexx® External Quality Assurance Program which regularly assesses the accuracy and precision of the equipment and ensure our crew's training is up to date.



For more information on the types of blood tests available and what they mean visit our website at [www.animalarkvets.co.uk](http://www.animalarkvets.co.uk)

## WINTER TIPS AND WARNINGS

Just like us, the cold winter months can have an impact on our loved ones. Some tips and warnings are covered below to help enjoy a stress free winter.

### *Dogs*

As most dogs in the UK are kept indoors, when going for walks on those cold windy days, for small and lean breeds with less body fat consider coats. Also, aged and arthritic dogs need extra consideration as cold severely limits mobility.

### *Cats*

Are generally clever enough to avoid the winter harshness, however always safely store and clean up any spilt antifreeze/de-icers. A teaspoon of anti-freeze can prove fatal.

### *Small Furrries*

If kept outside, ensure hutches are weatherproof and placed away from the wind. Food intake usually increases to keep themselves warm and keep a close eye on water bowls as they can freeze over.

If you have any questions, just ask one of the crew.

## HERO OF THE MONTH

### Gippi Squires

Gippi, a male cross breed dog is almost 11 years old.

In August 2005, Gippi was diagnosed with cancer, a rare type of lymphoma called mycosis fungoides. This type of cancer usually carries a guarded prognosis with a life expectancy of around four months.

Gippi has undergone chemotherapy, and periodic blood tests to monitor the effectiveness of the treatment.

The treatment, combined with Gippi's fighting spirit and the loving care of his parents has seen Gippi defy all predictions.

Some 14 months after being diagnosed, Gippi is doing well. It has been a privilege to help Gippi, and we wish him and his parents a wonderful Christmas together.



## SPOTLIGHT ON.....

In each issue we turn the spotlight onto one of the crew. In this issue, we talk to Paul Sydenham, one of our vets.



Role at AA:	Veterinary Surgeon
Age:	Less than the Hairline Suggests
Favourite Place:	Vancouver, My Bed
Favourite Pastime:	Mountain Biking, Basketball
Favourite Film:	Lock, Stock and Two Smoking Barrels
Favourite Animal:	Cats
Favourite Saying:	Sheesheesheeshee!

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