



Culverden Vets



New Partners

This summer we welcome Natalie Harley and Philip Cusack to the partnership. It is eleven years since we last had a new partner and we are delighted to have some more youthful blood in the practice.

Culverden Vets has always been proudly independent and our new partners will strengthen this. Natalie has worked at the Tunbridge Wells surgery since qualifying from Bristol University in 2013. Phil has worked at the Crowborough branch since 2014, qualified from University College Dublin in 2007. Both of them look forward to working hard to ensure your pets stay as healthy as possible.

Veterinary Facts!

Culverden Vets have over 40 staff members between 3 sites and growing.

Culverden Vets was established after World War Two and it's earliest documents date back to 1948.

Culverden Vets veterinary team has over 130 years combined experience.

The Tunbridge Wells hospital once had stables and a grass tennis court!

<https://m.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100063554921426>



A brave dog's fight against Leptospirosis.

Leptospirosis is a bacterial disease that can affect both animals and humans (Weil's Disease). This infection is carried by rodents and survives in water for weeks to months.

Frodo is a courageous 10 year cross breed, who survived Leptospirosis with the help of Culverden vets and nurses.

Frodo started showing signs of tiredness, loss of appetite, drinking lots and occasional vomiting. He was visibly weak, had yellowish eyes, and had a fever. The vet suspected Leptospirosis due to his symptoms, vaccination status and his rural home. He was hospitalised in Tunbridge Well's dedicated 'Isolation Unit' to prevent spread to other animals and humans.

Diagnostic Journey: Frodo had blood tests and a special DNA test to confirm the vet's suspicions. This showed that he had a strain of Leptospirosis called *Australis*.



Treatment and Support: Frodo received intravenous fluids, powerful antibiotics and special medications to help his liver recover along with specialist nutritional support.

Frodo's Recovery: After two weeks care in hospital he was no longer infectious and well enough to go home. Frodo bravely came through this potentially, fatal disease. He was nursed at home by his caring family

Frodo's story shows the importance of preventive measures, such as vaccinations and avoiding high-risk areas to keep our dogs safe, sadly not all dogs are as lucky as Frodo. Our vets are always happy to discuss the benefits and risks of vaccination.

The Culverden Health Plan:

Chat to your nurse today to sign unto the health plan which offers preventative treatment such as flea and wormers and vaccination for your pet.

<https://culverden.co.uk/pet-health-plans/>

<https://www.instagram.com/culverdenpets/>



Tunbridge Wells wonderful new facilities.

We continue to offer you the very best care for your pets as we invest in state of the art facilities and equipment to offer your pet high standards of veterinary surgery and medicine. I'm sure you'll notice our new reception and larger dog waiting room. However there has been much more going on behind the scenes to offer our patients better care.

We value being a 'Feline Friendly Hospital'. We've created a cat-only waiting room and cat only-consulting room for our feline friends.

We now have three consulting rooms to accommodate our growing, busy practice. We've added 3 large walk in dog kennels, canine showering area and a dedicated isolation wing.

Click on the link below to access a guided video tour of our improved Tunbridge Wells hospital on Facebook!

<https://www.facebook.com/culverdenvets/videos/536059815404943/?app=fbl>

Or on Instagram

<https://www.instagram.com/p/CrnefdlIyaP>



Opening times Culverden Vets Branches

Tunbridge Wells 018926520296	Monday-Friday 9am-12pm, 2:30-4:30pm, 5-6:30pm Saturday 8:30am-12pm
Crowborough 01892661650	Monday-Friday 9am-12pm, 2:30-4:30pm, 5-6:30pm Saturday 8:30am-12pm
Wadhurst (1892782382	Monday-Friday 9am-12pm, 2:30-4:30pm, Monday & Thursday 5-6:30pm

For information on any of the topics in the articles or any further information please contact us or email cvg@culverden.co.uk

Bonfire night

Bonfire night is fun for us but less so for our pets. 50% of dog owners report their dogs have noise phobias. Here are some tips to help you get fireworks ready!

Prepare in advance: Try to desensitise your animal to firework noise in the months before November. This is the most effective and recommended treatment long term. Pheromone plug-ins should be plugged in at least 2 days in advance. Start calming supplements containing L-Tryptophan or Casein at least a week before.

On the day of the event: Create a 'safe space' or den for your animal where they can hide. Place extra food, treats and water nearby to distract them. Place a familiar teddy, toy or one of your jumpers in the den so there's a reassuring familiar smell.

Bring your dog (if appropriate) for a longer walk that afternoon so they're more tired that evening.

Draw the curtains early and turn on the tv or radio.

If you wish to discuss any noise phobia issues, Culverden's vets and nurses are here to help. There are medications, pheromones or supplements which may be beneficial to your pet. Also read the link below for extra information about desensitisation.

Click our [Facebook](#) link below how to make a dog den:

<https://www.facebook.com/culverdenvets/videos/406563884256955/?app=fbl>. Or [Instagram!](#)

Click for more in depth information from the 'Dogs Trust'

<https://www.dogstrust.org.uk/how-we-help/professionals/vet-clinics/desensitisation>

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