

## Changes to our Out of Hours Service

From March, there is a new pet emergency service opening in Wrexham.

Run by VetsNow who have over 55 locations across the UK, it will be staffed overnight and weekends by specially trained emergency vets and nurses to provide round the clock care for your pets. The new VetsNow service is based at Rhyd Broughton Vet Centre, Gatewen Rd, Wrexham, LL11 6YA.

To contact them just call the usual Daleside number and if we are closed your call will automatically be diverted to the VetsNow team who can provide advice or arrange to see your pet if necessary.

The decision to team up with VetsNow was not taken lightly and was considered the best way to provide 24/7 care for pets. By utilising their expertise in emergency medicine and fully staffed overnight facilities we hope to continue to provide you and your pet the best level of care day and night.



# Daleside

Veterinary Group

## SPRING 2018

**April sees the retirement of our longest serving vet, Rowena Siddorn.** Mrs

Siddorn has treated countless pets at our Shotton branch and has been a familiar face to many over the 25 years she has worked for Daleside. We will of course be sad to see her go but wish her every happiness in her well deserved retirement! (and she's promised to keep her hand in and help us out over the holidays if needed!)

We have a new Vet joining the Daleside family! Dr Ruth Davies has been working for a mixed practice locally but is hanging up her wellies and is looking forward to being part of a solely small animal team. She brings a wealth of knowledge and experience and embraces Daleside's ethos of caring for pets as if our own

**Rowena Siddorn**





# Tick season is upon us!

With the weather warming up (horray!) Ticks are likely to be on the rise and pose a real threat to our furry friends.

Ticks are small parasites that attach themselves to your animals out on walks or in the wild especially in long grass and woodland. Ticks have a nasty bite which can become infected but also they can spread diseases

These diseases include Lyme disease, Babesiosis (although rare in the UK) and Anaplasmosis. Prevention is the best form of cure so here at Daleside we are recommending Bravecto (3 monthly cover) to keep the ticks at bay. We also recommend after walks to check your dog for ticks paying special attention to under the legs where ticks like to live. If you find a tick on your animal it is important not to just pull it out as this can leave the mouth parts in and set up a nasty infection. Removal is by twisting the body and applying gentle traction ideally using a special tool.

**Vets and nurses are trained at removal and will be more than willing to help.**

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## ***Disease update:*** **RHD-2 - A new disease in Rabbits to be aware of.**

**Rabbit haemorrhagic disease 2 or RHD-2 is a relatively new disease to enter the UK from mainland Europe.**

It is a viral disease similar to the Rabbit Haemorrhagic disease 1 (RHD-1) which we currently vaccinate against however there are some distinct differences. It is not as aggressive as RHD-1 so can be carried and transmitted undetected through the population.

The signs vary greatly from simple inappetence and weight loss to sudden death. RHD-2 can affect both indoor and outdoor rabbits and is spread by rabbit to rabbit contact or by biting insects. Currently Daleside are recommending vaccination against this emerging disease to provide the best protection for our rabbits. The vaccine needs to be given 2 weeks apart from the annual vaccination and needs to be given every 6 months.



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