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Lesley really puts her heart into the job



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One of the Trust's senior scientists, Dr Lesley Young, has spent 3 years studying equine hearts. More specifically the effect of size and function upon performance. Unfortunately, her funding for that work has run out but she felt that the study had reached a crucial stage and therefore wanted to raise sufficient money to continue.

As all of the usual (but limited) avenues were fruitless she decided to take the only option, ie to get on her bike - literally! She, together with Adrian Boswood a small animal cardiologist from the Royal Veterinary College and David Fisher a small animal veterinary practitioner from Worcester, cycled from Lands End to John O Groats. Each of them cycled for their own veterinary charity and they rode between 80 and 95 miles per day for 2 weeks.

The training was gruelling but, to add some interest, she spent 2 sessions training alongside an ex-racehorse in the Trust's treadmill unit. As can be seen in the picture, they were both wired up to ECG machines and Lesley was able to compare her own heart rate response with that of an equine athlete.

Their route, which took in Cornwall, Devon, Avon, Worcestershire, Cheshire, North Yorkshire, Cumbria, Sanquar, Arran, Glen Coe, Lochness and Brora, amounted to over 1,000 miles and Lesley can remember each and every one of them. Prior to leaving, she said "the results of my project to date have been fascinating and I really want to continue. It seems appropriate to generate some funding by testing my own performance". However, by the time Lesley had got to Cumbria, she was beginning to doubt her sanity. At that stage, she still thought it was a great idea - on paper. But having spent the first week pounding the roads of Britain she did begin to wonder whether embarking on the second week was a good idea. However, she was not about to be outdone by her male colleagues so she continued on and found, to her amazement, that she rather enjoyed the later stages of the trip.

"The scenery when we got up into Scotland was amazing" said Lesley. "I live and work in East Anglia and had forgotten what real hills look like. I was daunted at first but we got into a routine and helped each other. It was such a sense of achievement when we finished.

Lesley will have raised considerable funds from her cycle ride and we think she's worthy of all our congratulations. She is particularly anxious to acknowledge the help and support provided by Leo Laboratories who supplied the support vehicle for the trip. Their Director, Sam Black, even rode with the trio for the first day and a half.

If you would like to help contribute to Lesley's fantastic fundraising efforts, please send your donation to Mark Collins at the Animal Health Trust. Donations by credit card can be phoned through on 08700 502424.



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Animal Health Trust cash in at the races!

240 avid race-goers and supporters of the Trust attended a special evening race meeting and dinner in aid of the Animal Health Trust at Newbury Racecourse at the end of May. With the event in mind, some of the guests entered a horse on the night and, although there were no winning owners amongst the guests, a good time was had by all.

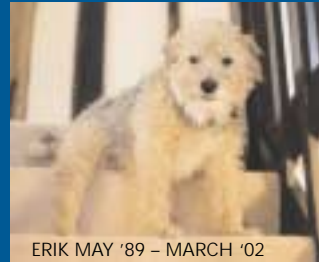
After racing, the Trust's President, Her Royal Highness The Princess Royal, joined the guests for a champagne reception before sitting down to a wonderful 3-course dinner.

The main entertainment of the evening was provided by Channel 4 Racing's John Francome and Radio Five Live presenter Luke Harvey who conducted a very lively and colourful auction. The exclusive auction lots included a 3 day VIP package to the British Grand Prix, a beautiful bronze of a horse and jockey kindly donated by the sculptor Philip Blacker and an original framed letter complete with wax seal from the film Harry Potter and The Philosophers Stone.

The evening raised over £95,000 for the Animal Health Trust. A special note of thanks goes to the Newbury Race Evening Committee and our kind supporters and sponsors who helped to raise this magnificent amount:

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Another year with Erik,



This is a tribute to our wonderful canine family member Erik who we lost this year at the grand age of 13 and to the wonderful staff of Swayne & Partners and the Animal Health Trust who helped to give Erik another valuable year of life.

In January 2001, after finding what we thought was an infected saliva gland, a trip to the vets changed all our lives. It transpired that Erik had 'Lymphoma' cancer of the lymph nodes. It had come on very rapidly and it was felt that at best he could live for only another month if left untreated. We went home that night shocked and heart broken.

During the next week, Erik had a biopsy and we had long discussions with our vet and spent time fact finding about this disease both from books and on the internet. Indeed this process helped us decide that treating the Lymphoma was the right thing to do. So with the wonderful help of Duncan Hole at Swayne & Partners, we embarked upon a course of action that gave Erik another year of high quality life.

Erik was referred to the Animal Health Trust under the care of Alison Hayes and her team in the Oncology department. During the next 12 months, the professionalism, help, support and care they gave to Erik was

We sold it all, lock stock and two smoking barrels

The Animal Health Trust organised a team clay pigeon shooting challenge for novice and skilled shots alike at the first class facilities of the Holland & Holland shooting grounds in May. On the day, 17 teams completed a range of shooting stands to test the nerve and skill of our competitors.

Amongst the team members, celebrities from the field of racing showed that they were nearly as good with a shotgun as they are on a horse. Both Richard Dunwoody and Richard Johnson shot well for the All Stars and retired international Welsh and Barbarians scrum-half Gareth Edwards completed a good round for the Usk Valley Stud team.

With the shooting completed, AHT staff member Allie Hogsbjerg with her 2 yellow labradors put on a working gundog display whilst the competitors relaxed with a glass of champagne at the pre-lunch reception kindly sponsored by HR Owen plc.



Photos courtesy of Paul Fievez



Results of the Animal Health Trust Team Challenge:

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| Winning Team | 'Hit & Miss' - Chris Maude, Rupert Wakley, Luke Harvey and Ian Miller |
| Runners Up | 'Manro Haydan': David Corazza, Edmund Wright, Charles Dodson and Jeremy Burgess |
| Top Gun | Richard Cook of 'Team Peter Harris Racing' |
| Top Lady | Helen Colquhoun of 'Annie and Her Guns' |
| The Glorious Twelfth Prize | Graham's Grinders |
| Clay Conservation Prize | The 'A' Clairs |
| The Pool Shoot | Ian Miller of 'Hit & Miss' |
| The Sweep | John Stone of the 'Spice Boys' |

After lunch, the day was finished off with a lively auction conducted by Mr Nick Bonham with some items making over £2,000. As a result of the event, the Animal Health Trust raised a total of £20,000. A special note of thanks goes to our kind supporters and sponsors who helped to raise the money on the day: Barclays Capital, The Beaufort Polo Club, Mr Pete Brady, Mr Nicholas Bonham, Channel 4 Racing, Prestige Cars, Cheveley Park Stud, Corney & Barrow, Fleming Russell Stent, Mr Rupert Hambro, Holland & Holland Ltd, Liverpool FC, Manchester United FC, HR Owen plc, Jean Page, Petplan Ltd, The Ritz Hotel, Sanpellegrino, The Shooting Gazette, Unysis Ltd, Keith Warth & Associates, William & Son.

thanks to the AHT!

amazing. Throughout every stage of what turned out to be 4 protocols, with Erik going into full remission 3 times, their communication was excellent. All our options were explained, they were only ever a phone call away. The staff ensured that Erik remained happy and well throughout his treatment and also gave us emotional and practical support that helped us through a very challenging time.

During Erik's last year he was, as always, every inch the fabulous cheeky, ever loving dog. He had holiday trips that included Norfolk to visit the seals and eat fish & chips, Chichester to visit a museum (that takes dogs) and was part of Michaels surprise 40th birthday (sat in a chair and licked his feet!). We also took Erik on a trip to Inverness during the winter where he lay on expensive bed covers and ate shortbread. His quality of life was never compromised.

As a way of saying thank you to the Animal Health Trust for all the care and support they gave us over the past year, in June, Michael and I decided to raise sponsorship for the Trust by taking part in the 10km Two Castle Run from Warwickshire Castle to Kenilworth Castle. Even now four months after losing Erik we still feel so very grateful to Alison and all at the Small Animal Unit and of course Duncan and the team at Swayne and Partners. You made it possible for us to have an extra year with our best friend.

Mrs Verite Warriss



Mrs Anne Tilly was the lucky winner of our Prize Draw at Crufts in March. Mrs Tilly was presented with a voucher for a year's supply of Pedigree dog food by Mr Bill King of Pedigree Masterfoods.

Congratulations Staffordshire

The Staffordshire County Committee celebrated their 20th Anniversary in May. This Committee has been one of the most active of our County Committees, organising a seemingly endless string of fundraising events. These have varied enormously but one of their most innovative ideas was to produce and publish a cookery book which was subsequently sold in aid of the Trust.

Since 1995 they have raised £13,450 on our behalf and, recently, they were fundraising for us once again at a dog show (see picture).

We would like to acknowledge all of their hard work and enthusiasm and extend our thanks to all Committee Members and supporters.

If you would like to help our fundraising team, or you are interested in setting up a County Committee, please contact Christine Gird on 08700 502424 or christine.gird@aht.org.uk

At the Badminton Horse Trials in May, the Animal Health Trust's main attraction was 'Black Beauty', a polo pony simulator. Visitors could test their riding skills on the mechanical horse, and in addition were given the opportunity to have a coaching session from international players from the Beaufort Polo Club. The horse will be at the Trust's exhibition stand at the forthcoming Gatcombe Horse Trials (2nd-4th August) and Burghley Horse Trials (29th August-1st September).



We never cease to be amazed by the time and effort put into fundraising by our supporters around the country. Without their help, we really could not continue and in this context we would like to say a heart felt THANK YOU to:

Suzanne Jefferies from Manchester who completed the Great Woman's Run in Manchester (5 miles), Sunday 26th May. Suzanne hopes to have raised about £200.

Mr Hudson who organised the East Anglian Old English Sheepdog Club exemption dog show in aid of the AHT. This was held at the Ida Darwin Nurseries, Cambridge on Sunday 9th June.

On Sunday 21st April, the **Elkhound Leisure Klub** held an exemption dog show at Horspath Village Hall in Oxford with funds raised going to the Centre for Small Animals Ophthalmic Unit at the Animal Health Trust. They requested that the £418.45 raised was used to assist the funding of investigation into generalised progressive retinal atrophy in dogs.



Jill Bath (left) and Elizabeth Dokic fundraising at a Terrier Club Show.

Marathon r



As featured in our last issue, 5 gallant supporters ran the London Flora Marathon in April and raised a total of nearly £15,000 for the Trust. Below, 3 of them give an account of their experience:

James Blackshaw

After a large bowl of pasta at a restaurant close to Covent Garden, laced with final discussions as to estimated finishing times, I left the support crew of National Hunt jockeys to bat on late into the night. I headed straight to the Waldorf (very advantageous weekend rates) for a good night's rest. I slept like a baby (waking up every 4 hours, crying).

An early rise with a certain amount of apprehension and nerves, and on to checking my kit, making sure the running number was strategically placed so as not to obscure the AHT logo.

At 06.45 prompt, room service arrived with breakfast. It was an all inclusive price so I had ordered most things on the menu, but another bout of nerves meant I fancied little.



The wise choice of hotel meant it was only a short walk to Charing Cross station where, in the company of my running mates Luke and Emma, I boarded the 8.02 to Blackheath. We enjoyed the company of a veteran runner, a bright red tomato who gave us many tales of woe and hardship about the mammoth feat we were about to undertake. Fourteen other maiden runners making up a centipede listened intently.

It was a beautiful morning, sunny yet crisp, perfect conditions for running. Luke moved away from me as I lit up a cigarette on the walk uphill to the start. Having spent most nights in the last 20 years in some smokey pub or other, it was a bit late for him to start complaining about passive smoking!

The crowds at the start were immense, a majestic sight. I spotted wonder woman, a bagel, 2 clocks and even the pink fluffy bunny. We had time for last minute adjustments to kit and the rubbing in of vast quantities of vaseline to potentially sensitive parts. The need for runners to take on large amounts of liquid causes, of course, a certain situation, which I will leave to your imagination, but bear in mind there were 32,500 starters. Into position for the start and following a minute's silence in memory and respect of Her Majesty The Queen Mother, the klaxon sounded promptly at 09.45. We were off and away; well so I thought, but it actually took another 10 minutes to get to the start.



Underway and it seems an enormous blanket of runners of every shape, every size, every colour. Every yard of the route the pavements were lined with well wishers and supporters. With a large 'JIMMY' written on both sides of my singlet the crowds were able to cheer one on individually, a fantastic boost particularly in the later stages when the legs are tired.

Radio disc jockeys call your name from high on balconies. Jazz bands, rock bands and brass bands blast out seemingly on every corner. A wonderfully happy atmosphere surrounds you. It is hard to overtake slower runners because of the sheer numbers. You gaze at all the sights as you pass them, the Cutty Sark, Tower Bridge, Spiderman and Elvis Presley.

I feel very comfortable and throughout I take plenty of water and Lucozade on board. Refill the petrol tank to stop me stalling. No injuries, no pain, just a gradual tightening of the legs, a heaviness but thankfully no cramp. St Katherine's dock is hard over the cobbles, but eventually it's on to the embankment and the last 5 miles. This and the cheering crowds drive you on towards the end. I spot a work colleague at 24 miles who shouts 'Come on son you can do it' another boost so I kick on.

The last few 100 yards you summon all strength to run through the finish line as fast as you can arms held aloft, proud of one's own achievement, in awe of other's achievements, elated, touched by the fantastic support and very tired. You pull up yards after the line and almost immediately the legs seize up but you don't care, you've done it. Success for yourself means that greatly needed money has been raised for the charity. This thought helps ease the stiffness. Now all I need is a cigarette!

Emma Owen

Running the marathon was a great experience. The buzz before the race was unreal and everybody was egging each other on and wishing each other luck. It took about 20 minutes to actually cross the start line and for the first mile it was slow going. The crowds were all shouting you on, giving encouragement and we had our names printed on our shirts so it was good when you heard your name. There were plenty of refreshments and you had to be careful of being carried out when runners dived across you. I soon learnt to stay in the middle when seeing the Evian water signs. The Lucozade stops were the best, so I just ran with the pouch and took a drink when I fancied it. All this drink made us in need of relief and queuing for toilets wasted too much time; luckily I found a hedge to hide behind. However, the guys were doing it in the streets, any other day and they would have been arrested. A real eye opener!

The hardest part of the race was the last 2 miles. I couldn't make myself go any faster and I had 9 minutes left to do the last mile, which was a real killer. A great relief crossing the line and just getting in under the 4 hours and beating Luke!! My body seized up then as I leant on the rails and then went to collect our medal and goody bag.

I wrapped 2 silver capes around me and sat down on some pallets where Eric Pollard from Emmerdale came and sat down next to me. We were having a chat and then a woman came and whisked him away. A great day and would recommend it to any one. Thanks very much to Animal Health Trust for giving me the opportunity. I'm glad we were able to make it a successful fundraiser for them.

Trevor Bunch

During the course of my 6 months' training there were many milestones. First joining the gym in October and running on a treadmill for the first time - 5 minutes at slow speed. My first 30 minute run, also on the treadmill, at the end of the year. My first road run at the beginning of January, in the freezing cold wrapped in several layers of clothing and topped off with woolly hat and gloves (I managed 4.5 miles but had to stop for a breather after every mile). The first 2 hour run a month ahead of schedule after getting lost in Thetford forest. Finishing my first official half marathon. Completing the marathon training programme, an achievement in itself. Not drinking alcohol for a whole fortnight prior to the big day, and not eating doughnuts for even longer.

The big day itself dawned very slowly once the training had been completed. I could feel my legs stiffening up and as those around me succumbed to horrible colds the week before the big day, I became convinced I would be next. Surely it couldn't be that I was actually going to run the London Marathon, something had to go wrong. Thankfully it didn't, apart from sacrificing my position on the start so that I could go to the toilet one last time.

The first 13 miles were fantastic, the atmosphere was so great that the miles just slipped away as we soaked up the warmth from the crowd. A low point came just after the 13 mile marker at Tower Bridge, as we turned right toward Canary Wharf and saw the front runners going the other way, 10 miles ahead of us and where we wouldn't be for one and a half hours. Just when it would have been nice to see a friendly face in the crowd, I ran straight past my wife who didn't see me either. I pushed on in the knowledge that my family would be waiting to cheer me on at the 17 mile marker, they were there but looking the wrong way; at least I saw them. After that point I managed to miss everybody who was on the course to cheer me on, not surprising considering the huge crowds.

As we left the Docklands area and approached the 20 mile mark, the legs began to stiffen up and the muscles began to ache. Due to our starting position at the back of the pack, we were beginning to come up against increasing numbers of runners who were worse off than ourselves and were walking to the finish. This made it increasingly difficult to maintain running pace but the concentration required by Janet Daly and I to keep running as a pair and avoid the slower runners kept our minds occupied.

Then disaster at 23 miles, just after ducking to the left to grab another Lucozade. I was hit by what I still assume to have been cramp in my left knee. Janet came back to help, advising me to stretch the muscles in the hope it was just a cramp. The pain subsided quickly and without pausing a moment longer than necessary, we set off again. Aware of the potential for it to happen again, I tried to vary my stride and pick up my feet in order to stretch the muscles a little more as I ran. Janet swears that I started my sprint finish 2 miles from home, but it certainly wasn't the intention. I just had to keep going, I had to cross the line before I got another cramp, and thankfully I did.

The first words Janet and I said after we'd finished was "We did it" and "Never again". By the next morning I had changed my opinion to "maybe again" and I am now looking for my next race to run. So hopefully, one day, I will be back there pounding those cobbles under Tower Bridge. Ouch!



Equipment wishlist

We are often asked if we need specific items in our clinics, so that supporters can make a donation, knowing exactly what the money will be used for. We therefore decided to formulate a 'wish list' and make it a regular feature in our Newsletter.

Nerve Stimulator x 2: £455 each Ref: J. Brearley
 Required by the Neurology Unit. This would be used for patients recovering from spinal surgery, in conjunction with physiotherapy regimes.

Direct Ophthalmoscope: £250 Ref: A. Sparkes
 For the dermatology/feline consulting room. Currently, there is no ophthalmoscope in there and it is impossible to do a complete clinical examination without one. It is often necessary to borrow one from another room, but this causes a great deal of inconvenience as they are in heavy use.

Operating table for Minor Procedures Room: second-hand price £2,500 Ref: J. Brearley
 The existing one is very old and unreliable. Because it is an obsolete model, it is not possible to obtain spare parts.

Orthopaedic Bed x 3: £40 each Ref: S. Platt
 Ideal for providing relief to dogs suffering from injured joints or recovering from spinal surgery etc.

12" Electric Fans x 6: £18.00 each Ref: Nursing
 Used for cooling individual recovery kennels in the hospital, post-operative patients benefit considerably from these during the warmer weather.

Variable Speed Clippers x 3: £99.95 per pair Ref: Nursing
 We simply have too few pairs of clippers available in clinic for the number of areas/personnel.

Trolley Jar & Suction: £1,725 Ref: CSAS Theatre
 To aid running of simultaneous surgeries.

Infusion Pump: £2,366 Ref: J. Brearley
 Due to increased workload, we have a shortage of infusion pumps. In particular we need one which is suitable to infuse blood.

Mobile Transfusion Stand: x 2: £95.00 each Ref: Nursing
 For attachment of pumps, drips etc. Our current allocation is insufficient for our increasing needs.



AHT's hydro-bath which has sprung a leak!

Sterile Supplies Work Station £1,200 Ref: CSAS Theatre
 Needed to create more space/storage and streamline work areas to increase efficiency.

Fibreoptic Head Light £700 Ref: CSAS Theatre
 Single theatre light is not effective for deep structures.

Personal Computer x 5: £720 each Ref: J. Owen
 We need to replace one of our existing computers and provide four more for additional personnel when the extension is completed.

Spinal Drill: £4,645 Ref: S. Platt
 This is required for every spinal and cranial surgery performed by the Neurology Unit. The present drill has only a short life expectancy remaining and must be replaced.

Blood-Gas Machine: £11,000 Ref: A. Sparkes
 At present we are unable to look at ionised calcium concentrations and this capability would be extremely valuable in some patients (medical and surgical).

Hydro-Bath: £5,000 Ref: J. Handley-Howard
 The current bath in kennels is in daily use but is becoming less and less reliable. It is an obsolete model and needs replacement.

Medelec Multimedia: £20,000 (to replace current Sapphire BAER/ERG/EMG machine) Ref: S. Platt/J. Freeman
 ERG is an essential part of a diagnostic work-up in ophthalmology and EMG in neurology. It is also a crucial element of our hearing tests for at risk breeds.

Office Furniture for CSAS extension Ref: J. Owen
 From September 2002 we will require office furniture suitable for 6 persons (desks, filing cabinets, chairs etc). We will also require a single spring-action sofa-bed for the new bedsit.

If you can help us with any of the above, please contact our Fundraising Department and quote the reference shown above. Full acknowledgement will be given, where appropriate.

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BUY YOUR BOOKS 10% CHEAPER ON THE AHT WEB-SITE AND HELP US TOO

Last year the Trust set up a link with Harcourt publishers to enable our supporters to purchase any books published by Harcourt at a 10% discount. The Animal Health Trust receives a donation on every purchase as well.

Harcourt is now part of the vast Elsevier publishing company which sells books published by Elsevier Science, Harcourt International, W B Saunders, Mosby and Butterworth Heinemann, so a wide range of books are available.

Elsevier pays the costs for postage/packing and processing all orders.

For details of available books, visit our website: lick www.aht.org.uk, click on EDUCATION & INFORMATION SERVICES and follow the link.



ANNUAL REVIEW

In May of this year we published our Annual Review which covered the period May 2001 to April 2002. This provided an overview of our activities, including the research and clinical programmes, education and training, finance and fundraising.

If you would like to receive a copy of the review, please contact Maire O'Brien at the Animal Health Trust (Tel: 08700 502424).

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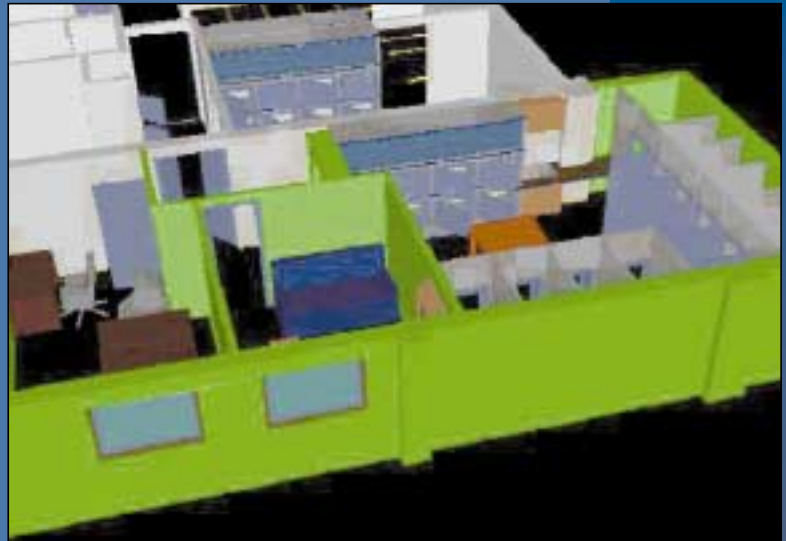
Over the last 2 years, the Trust's Small Animal Centre has enjoyed almost a 50% increase in referrals. While this is very good news indeed, it has placed an undeniable strain on the resources of the Centre. We are therefore enormously grateful to the EBM Charitable Trust in Jersey, a long-time benefactor of the AHT, for coming to our rescue and generously providing the much-needed funds to extend our current premises.

Work has begun on a new wing, providing almost double the kennelling space for in-patients, a bedsit/restroom for members of staff (working around the clock) and additional offices helping to accommodate a 37% increase in clinical and nursing staff. As well as providing the vital additional space, it is also our aim to refurbish and improve the existing hospital areas.

It is hoped that the new EBM wing will be opened officially in October and that this additional resource will greatly benefit our ability to accommodate an ever increasing number of emergency cases while, at the same time, alleviating some of the pressures on the current accommodation.

Phase 1 (see picture), which will take approximately 15 weeks to complete, will provide 70 m² of additional space and increase our kennel capacity by 75%. This new accommodation, exclusively for canine use, will meet the same exacting standards as those provided by the existing kennels. Together with the obvious need for an increase in patient space, it is increasingly

apparent that our growing nursing and kennel staff are having to operate in a space originally intended for a much smaller team, and this situation has been addressed with the addition of a bedsit/restroom. A large 4 person office is also included in the plans thus creating additional space for a growing number of residents.



Phase 2 will commence following the completion of Phase 1 and consists of changes to the existing hospital kennels. Its main intention is to increase the amount of general working space and to provide easier access to some areas. These changes will take 3 weeks to complete. Disruption for the patients will be kept to a minimum with the erection of dust-proof panelling to isolate work areas, together with the removal of the majority of patients to the new wing prior to the start of work.

Pedigree Dogathon

Sunday, September 1, 2002

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