

Otford Dog Show 2010



This year, the Otford Village Fete is once again pleased to announce Elands Veterinary Clinic's Dog Show.

Since January 1987 when Philip Lhermette opened his practice, Elands Veterinary Clinic has been offering a high quality, caring and professional service to the people and pets in the local community. However, plans to build a new roundabout at the corner of Station Road prompted Practice Principal Philip Lhermette to search for a new site for his clinic. After 23 years, Elands Veterinary Clinic has relocated to their new premises at St John's Church, London Road, Dunton Green.

The church had been used as a furniture restoration warehouse for the past 15 years or so, and Elands are proud to bring it back into community use. This beautiful old building has been converted into a three storey modern "state of the art" veterinary clinic for the benefit of clients and patients, retaining many of the old features and original character including the beautiful stained glass windows in the waiting room and operating theatre.

The new clinic has an additional consulting room and also an additional operating theatre for the minimally invasive surgery techniques more commonly known as keyhole surgery, which is available at the practice. There are also separate kennels and cattery wards for postoperative care, an isolation kennels for infectious cases, ultrasound scanning facilities, a fully equipped laboratory and pharmacy and a new digital x-ray machine.

It was Elands Veterinary Clinic that pioneered the use of keyhole surgery for pets in the UK and remains one of the few centres in the country able to offer this service. They were the **first** practice in the UK to offer bitch spays via keyhole surgery, which ensures less trauma and pain and a quicker recovery! Philip Lhermette is a lecturer in endoscopy and endosurgery at the University of Nottingham Veterinary School and also trains vets throughout the UK and abroad in these techniques. The new practice has on site training facilities so that Philip can now train veterinary surgeons at his own surgery. Due to his expertise and the fact that the practice has specialised surgical equipment, the practice takes referrals for dentistry, ultrasonography and laser surgery as well as laparoscopy (keyhole surgery) and endoscopic surgery from other veterinary practices across the UK.

Elands Veterinary Clinic offers first opinion care for all domestic pets. The practice constantly strives to improve the quality of life of all patients, reducing pain and discomfort by the use of minimally invasive techniques wherever possible. To this end, the practice routinely uses ultrasound as this enables non-invasive investigation of many conditions without the need for a general anaesthetic or even sedation. Other facilities such as the brand new digital x-ray machine, oxygen chamber and in-house laboratory allow patients to be treated promptly, minimising pain and distress. Blood and urine samples are analysed in-house and results can therefore usually be reported to pet owners the same day.

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The three Veterinary Surgeons at the clinic are Philip Lhermette, Katherine McLaren and Monika Stypa who are ably assisted by qualified Veterinary Nurses Emma Barty, Gemma Wade and Emma Duhig. On the non-clinical side you are welcomed at the practice either in person or over the telephone by one of their four receptionists Karen Gould, Karen Leahy, Lesley Porter and Vanessa Carr. Marion Chapman is the Practice Manager who has been involved with planning and organising the dog show.

If you have any questions regarding your pet's health, you can telephone the practice on 01732 452333 or, if you would like to know more about the practice, you can visit their website on www.elandsvet.co.uk.

Entries

All dogs are welcome at the Dog Show. Entries per class will be limited so book early to avoid disappointment. Entries are being taken on the day from midday and you are welcome to enter your dog in more than one class. For a list of the classes please take a look at or print out the Dog Show Schedule, which can be found on this website.

Fees

The entry fee is £2.50 per dog per class with proceeds going to charity. The small entry fee into the fete and for use of the car park applies to everyone including dog owners wishing to show their dogs at this event.

Prizes

Rosettes and prizes to 6th place.

Veterinary Surgeon in Attendance

Philip Lhermette will be the Veterinary Surgeon in attendance. Should your dog require urgent medical attention whilst at the fete, you should proceed to the Dog Show secretary's tent.

And Finally.....

Dogs may be coming into close contact with each other so it is worth checking not only that your dog is vaccinated, but that the vaccines are up to date; annual boosters are required.

Please note that all dogs entering the show ground must be kept on a lead. Please remember to poop scoop and clear up after your dog and remember to ensure that your dog has access to fresh water throughout the day.

Finally, we would request that dogs are not left unattended in cars. Obviously we are all hoping for a nice day weather wise but, even on what may appear to be a pleasant day and not necessarily a scorcher, once the sun comes out, a car soon heats up. Leaving the window open two inches is not sufficient or adequate ventilation when you are wearing a fur coat! We want you and your dogs to have a safe and enjoyable day out.