Laparoscopic spays are now available for medium to large sized dogs. Surgery is done via two small incisions which heal very quickly, allowing a rapid return to full exercise.

Nominations have started for the 2018 Petplan Veterinary Awards. You can nominate your favourite practice, vet, nurse, ancillary staff or office staff. You can also vote for someone you think has gone that extra mile for you or your pet.

Parkside always receive many nominations, but we need more to get the Best Practice Award. Equine vets as well as Pet vets. Nominations need to be made online at PetplanVet.co.uk. Links are on our web site too.

Acupuncture is the stimulation of specific points on the body which have the ability to alter various biochemical and physiological conditions in order to achieve a healing effect. It is not a cure-all, but it works well where indicated and when used alone or in conjunction with traditional veterinary medicine.

How does Acupuncture work?
Ancient Chinese medical philosophy believes that disease is a result of an imbalance of energy in the body. Acupuncture is believed to rebalance this energy and thereby assist the body to heal. In western terms, acupuncture can assist the body’s efforts to heal itself by causing certain physiological changes. For example, acupuncture can stimulate nerves, increase blood circulation, relieve muscle spasms and cause the release of hormones, such as endorphins [one of the body’s pain control chemicals] or cortisol [a natural steroid]. It can be used for hip dysplasia, lameness, arthritic joints, back pain as well as some internal ailments. We have three vets qualified in acupuncture, so ask them if it may work for your pet.

Sign up online at parksidevets.easydirectdebits.co.uk
Nurse Clinics
Nurse clinics can provide you with free advice on weight loss, feeding and half-price procedures like nail clipping.
Nurses often re-dress wounds on your pets,

Pet Portal
Log in to your Pet Portal to make appointments, see reminders and update you and your pet's information to keep it all up to date. Link on web site, home page.

SPECIAL OFFERS
During February, to encourage you to look after your pets teeth, we are offering 10% OFF all dental procedures and dental shop items.

Look out for special offers on flea/tick prevention and treatment when you visit your surgery. Parkside always has these in Spring, when these beasties start to be more active, to encourage prevention with long-lasting oral treatments or monthly topical liquids. All safe and 100% effective.

Parkside Specialities
Parkside provides specialist orthopaedic care from Stuart Ashworth for fracture repairs and lameness investigations. Stuart is an Advanced Practitioner in Small Animal Orthopaedics and we receive referrals from other vets as well as caring for Parkside pets.
Fraser Goldie is an Advanced Practitioner in Small-Animal Surgery, offering further expertise in orthopaedics but also complicated soft-tissue surgery. He is now trained for laparoscopic procedures too (keyhole surgery).

In addition, we can provide ultrasound examination using high-definition machines (and highly-trained vets) - ideal for non-invasive methods of examining the abdomen and heart - as well as endoscopic examination with our video-endoscope - good for investigating the gut and airways without surgery. We can now do arthroscopy, to look inside joints, often avoiding major surgery and as an aid to diagnosis.
Advanced training within the practice gives your pets even more options if the need arises and often avoids the inconvenience of referral to large university centres. Parkside staff all undergo ongoing training to keep ahead and keep up to speed with new developments, keeping standards high and giving your pets the best care from trained professionals.