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We're hot on water safety...

We do everything we can to ensure each and every patient is kept safe during their time at our centre. In the pool we never allow multi-dog swimming, retrieval of toys off the water line or biting of water and submersion of head. These precautions are in place to prevent the occurrence of secondary drowning and water intoxication.

We always inform owners not to feed their dogs at least 3 hours before the session (this time increases for larger and deep chested breeds) and an hour afterwards to avoid bloat and GDV. Likewise, we do not allow patients to drink large quantities of water whilst they are at the centre.

Our pool water is monitored and treated accordingly throughout the day to ensure it is always sanitised and will not cause any irritation to patients. The pool water is also tested to ensure there is no bacteria present once a month by an external test laboratory.

We asked one of our regular referring veterinary surgeons to share a few words about their experience in collaborating with Pawsome Paddles and here's what they said...

'As a veterinary surgeon who treats a large number of orthopaedic cases, hydrotherapy plays an important role in the rehabilitation and management of many of my patients. I have referred numerous cases to Kim at Pawsome Paddles since its inception in 2017 for a variety of conditions including osteoarthritis, muscle and ligament injuries, spinal damage, weight loss, improving fitness and following many orthopaedic surgeries.

I have had nothing but great feedback from my clients regarding their experiences there. Kim is fantastic with the animals and extremely patient and I often find owners astonished by how much their animals have improved; even after only the first few sessions as well as how much they enjoyed the experience. The regular reports from Kim allow me to keep a track of my patients and ensure they are re-assessed should she encounter any other problems.

I recently visited the centre to see some of my patients in action and was impressed by how well they took to the pool and how much their mobility had improved. I look forward to working with Pawsome Paddles in the future and cannot wait to take my little Maximus for his first swimming lesson with Kim!

Big thanks to Mr Anish Patel of Walton Lodge Veterinary Group for taking the time to share his thoughts.

We always welcome feedback from vets and clients alike. Also, if there are any other veterinary professionals who would like to observe some of our sessions please do get in contact.

Kathryn, our hydrotherapist, has now been with us 6 months and she will be fully qualified in July. Here's how she has found her experience working for Pawsome Paddles so far...

I started work at Pawsome Paddles in January of this year. I had recently finished my collage course in Animal Management and I knew I wanted a job working with dogs that benefited their lives and I was lucky enough to get the job at Pawsome Paddles. During my time with Pawsome Paddles I feel that I have already learnt a great deal both at the centre and on my training courses. I now understand the benefits of hydrotherapy as I am able to see first-hand the improvements it can make to a dogs life along with their owners. I'm looking forward to the future once I am fully qualified in July to be able to help more dogs and further my understanding.

Kathryn Clarke MCHA



Extending our opening hours...

We're just on the cusp of extending our opening hours. Hopefully as of the 1st of August we will be open 9am – 7pm Tuesday to Friday and 9am – 5pm on Saturday's. This will mean that we will soon be able to accommodate more patients and hopefully provide more appointment times that will be convenient to our clients.