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# Veterinary Newsletter – Winter 2020



## What a year...

I think to say this year has been a little crazy, would be an understatement. We closed for 3 months during the first lockdown and are currently in a position where we are unable to allow owners in with their dogs, for the foreseeable future. We sadly lost a couple of dogs during our closure and several others rapidly deteriorated. We are therefore extremely relieved that we've been able to continue to provide our services since June, even if the situation isn't ideal, with owners having to wait outside. We are so grateful for the patience and understanding from our clients, entrusting us with their dogs, so they can continue to receive their treatment, uninterrupted. We very much hope to return to normality in the next couple of months but please appreciate that we are governed by the Canine Hydrotherapy Association (CHA) as to when this can happen.

### Work placement student...

*In the New Year we are looking to take on a work placement student, 1-2 days a week. They will initially just be observing and assisting our hydrotherapists, where practical to do so. All going well, in the long term though, we very much hope to make them a full member of the team.*

### 2020 Case Study...

#### Darcy 3yr old female Standard Dachshund

Darcy started coming to us back in October, recovering from spinal surgery. She had already started physiotherapy with The Rehab Vet and already made excellent progress. On her first visit to us Darcy was slightly off balanced in her stand, favouring her front legs and had lost muscle tone on her hind limbs. She also swam with poor alignment and was unable to kick her hind limbs with much strength or coordination.

After eight sessions with us Darcy is now more balanced and using her hind limbs much better. As a result, she has developed some good muscle tone and when she swims now, she is nice and straight and kicks her hind limbs really well and with a good rhythmic pattern. We can't say Darcy loves her treatment but combined with her physio and the dedication of her owners she is making an excellent recovery.



### Christmas closure...

Please note that the centre will be closed from the 23<sup>rd</sup> December and reopening on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of January. During this time should you need to get in contact please call 07923074372 or email [kim@pawsomepaddles.com](mailto:kim@pawsomepaddles.com) and we will do our very best to get back to you ASAP.

