



# So What's New?

## news

Summer 2022

*Well it certainly goes without saying....what an eventful couple of years for us all!  
In practice, as with life in general, we have adapted, coped, been extraordinarily busy  
and continued to provide the best possible service to our clients, friends and their pets.*

It has been a while since our last newsletter, but we have been in regular touch through our Facebook page, enabling you to keep track of all our efforts in facing the pandemic and also to meet many of our celebrity patients! There are some talented new team members who have joined our ranks.... including the birth of a baby or two along the way! The biggest change in summer 2021 was that we joined the VetPartners group of practices. With the backing of one of the largest national and international veterinary business organisations in the country, we have a much greater capacity to improve, develop and expand the practice over the next few years.

All our staff have greater career opportunities and security for the future. It is a business relationship, which I personally sought out and brought to fruition in these very uncertain times. I am pleased and proud that we have so much to look forward to. At the front desk and in the consulting rooms you will find that nothing much has changed, it is still us! Following the link-up with VetPartners, we continue in exactly the same way as before. I continue to run the practice on a day-to-day basis as Clinical Director making all managerial decisions in conjunction with my colleagues at Dunmow and Takeley. Any changes that may occur over the next year or two should all be good ones!

One particular highlight of joining VetPartners, is the opportunity to again work with Gary Rutland who started his very successful veterinary career many years ago in my Braintree practice. I always knew Gary was a budding veterinary superstar in the making and you can read about his rise to stardom below! We are both continuing where we left off nearly 25 years ago and aim to take Moloney Veterinary Clinics to the next level while continuing that very personal connection with you all and your pets for which we are famous. Exciting times ahead, no doubt....so watch this space! Have a great summer!

## We Meet Again!

Hi....Gary Rutland here and as they say life really does go full circle! Many years and a busy veterinary career have passed since I very first started working with Jerry back in 1995, and today I am the regional Business Development Director for VetPartners. My role is to support the team at Moloney Veterinary Clinics in continuing to provide the very best care for you and your pets.

With a long-standing place in the local community in providing the very best in compassionate care, being part of the VetPartners family enhances all that the clinics offer. It creates a support network of like-minded practices to ensure the continuation of high standards of care set by the team plus the friendly and personal service that you have come to expect.

Although the Moloney Clinics in Dunmow and Takeley may be new to the VetPartners Family, my association with Jerry and the practice is very much long-standing.



My career began when I was a 14-year-old kennel boy at Jerry's Braintree surgery, where I progressed to a receptionist role and then became a student veterinary nurse. Parting ways in 2001, I moved to the newly built Millennium Veterinary Practice in Braintree, where I continued my career and worked as Head Veterinary Nurse until 2016. After spending three years at an animal healthcare company, I finally started working for the VetPartners group in 2019. With Jerry and the team joining VetPartners in July 2021, my career circle was complete. It has been an absolute pleasure to return home to the place that launched my career and still with many familiar faces! At heart I am very much a veterinary nurse and have a lifelong passion for the profession.

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## The Torchlight Dog!

Our pets are very inquisitive, sniffing out as they might say.... 'the many delights to play with and also eat.' That delicious old sandwich found in the bin or a good chew on your new shoes! For one much-loved English springer spaniel called Marley, he surprisingly vomited up a pair of socks one Sunday night! Sadly for Marley, this was not the end of his troubles.

Marley and his worried owner Kayleigh, arrived at the clinic as he was not his usual bouncy excitable self; lethargic, off his food and struggling to keep water down. Signs of tummy discomfort on examination were worrying and x-rays revealed an obstructive pattern.....perhaps another sock? In theatre we found and successfully removed a sock that was stuck in the small intestine. Marley was allowed to return home, but with a guarded approach to his recovery, as there was some damage to his small intestine.

Unfortunately, a couple of days later Marley returned to our Dunmow clinic accompanied by the worst storm in thirty years! Off his food and with a high temperature, he was becoming weaker and outside winds were getting stronger!

Marley was again admitted and in theatre we found peritonitis and a breakdown of his intestine. A section of his bowel required removing. Jerry began to perform this demanding and complicated operation. Unfortunately as dusk was creeping in, the power went down in the gale force winds! We had generator failure too, so our only option...a powerful mobile phone torchlight enabled the operation to continue! It was a very intense time, but Jerry a highly skilled veterinary surgeon and the team successfully completed Marley's operation.

Closely watched overnight by vet Rebecca, slowly our brave patient began to positively respond. As we very fondly refer to Marley as our 'Torchlight Dog' he was certainly looking much brighter and happily made a full recovery. His family were so pleased to have their mischievous, adorable Marley back again, as he really is an important part of the family....oh and all socks in the house? Now well out of Marley's reach!



Marley with his sisters

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## Well Done New Mums



Big Congratulations to our lovely Head Nurse **Holly** and her family on the birth of a beautiful daughter **Cove**, born 15.03.2022.



Veterinary Nurse **Laura** gave birth to gorgeous **George** on 02.11.21. Big congratulations to everyone in the family.

## New Team Members

Vet **Daniela Sallangos** MVDr MRCVS

qualified in 2021 from University of Veterinary Medicine and Pharmacy in Košice and joined our team in March 2022.



Student Veterinary Nurse **Gemma** began here in November 2021. She has also been a client here for many years.



Receptionist **Sophie** just loves animals, and since starting here in August 2021, she has been doing her very own 'dream job'!



Receptionist **Christie** joined the front desk in March 2022. Her favourite part of the job is being surrounded by animals!

