



# 40 YEARS

May 1976 - May 2016



**Abbey Vets**

Special thanks to all our Clients. We have loved Caring for your 'Best Friends' for the last 40 years.

ABBEY VETS are celebrating their 40th anniversary this year and are extremely proud to have been serving their local community and its pets for the past four decades.

This well known South Yorkshire vets started life as a small practice in Thurnscoe in 1976 by the current practice principal, Tony Duffy. The original surgery was in an end terrace building with an operating theatre and consulting room, a small kennel room and a reception area - it's astounding to see how the practice has grown and developed over the years.

Tony and wife Sheila, who is also the practice manager, took over the Dodworth Road surgery in 1981 which is now their main 24 hour clinic with seven more branches spread across Barnsley and Sheffield in Wombwell, Hoyland, Darton, Cudworth, Royston, Deepcar and High Green.

The family run practice is made up of husband and wife team, vet Tony and manager Sheila, along with their daughter Kim, who is assistant practice manager. They are ably supported by a fantastic team of vets, nurses, receptionists and admin staff whose

hard work and dedication is outstanding.

Sheila said: "Our main branch was transformed last year, it now has four consulting rooms, four operating theatres, prep areas, three dog wards and a dedicated cat ward, not to mention our in-house lab, digital x-ray and a vast array of equipment all waiting to treat the pets under our care.

The fantastic services which are available at the Dodworth Road surgery and backed by their other branches, means that Abbey Vets is one of South Yorkshire's leading pet health care providers. The practice undergoes regular rigorous inspection by the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons to ensure the highest of standards.

"We are very proud of our staff, they are caring, professional and dedicated and without them the practice would not have grown and progressed the way it has. All our team are fully committed to providing the best possible service to the pets under our care and our clients."

**FREE RAFFLE**

for all of our clients throughout May to 9th June

**40 PRIZES TO BE WON**

**RCVS ACCREDITED PRACTICE**

**Celebratory Cake in all branches 18th May**

For more information visit the main 24 hour centre at 89 Dodworth Road, Barnsley, S70 6ED or you can call 242217.



Reception desk - Main 24 hour centre



Reception seating - Main centre



## Our state of the art hydrotherapy suite with Jude Dickinson qualified veterinary nurse and qualified hydrotherapist

**THE brand new hydrotherapy suite which has recently been installed at Abbey Vets Dodworth Road practice involves the use of water to relieve discomfort and promote physical well-being.**

A treadmill inside a tank of warm water is used to aid the rehabilitation of weak muscles and painful joints. The joints can be unloaded using the water's buoyancy properties which allows for an increased range of motion in stiff and painful joints.

The water levels in the treadmill can be easily adjusted as can the active and rest periods to help with optimum recovery to the patient and aid the earlier return to normal function. It also enables good visualisation of the patients movement so they can assess the patients improvement easily.

Veterinary nurse and hydrotherapist, Jude Dickinson, said: "The benefits of hydrotherapy include decreased pain perception, relaxation of muscle tension and spasm, and reduction in swelling.

"In the short term we see easier movement due to the non-weight bearing during exercise, which means there is less concussive forces through the joints."

Although the treadmill is mostly suited to dogs, hydrotherapy can be used in a variety of species, including horses, rabbits and cats.

Abbey Vets recommends hydrotherapy for longer term benefits including:

- Increase in joint range motion
- Increase in muscle strength

- Increase in muscle patterning and recruitment of muscles which will enable normal movement
- Prevention of secondary complications
- Improved cardiovascular fitness
- Decrease in pain and inflammation
- Earlier return to normal function
- Reduction in frustration in dogs that are on reduced exercise
- Slows progression of degenerative disease
- Improves quality of life



Royston Clinic

This practice has recently moved onto Royston's high street, Midland Road, and provides the same excellent standards of patient care you can expect at any of the Abbey Vets practices.

You will find the Royston centre at 123 Midland Road. You can call the practice on 722773.



Cudworth Clinic

Abbey Vets Cudworth practice has recently relocated to a bigger premises, further down the road, boasting the latest equipment and consulting rooms as well as a spacious and airy reception.

You will find the Cudworth centre at 212 Barnsley Road. You can give them a call on 716802.



Kim & Sheila Duffy - Practice Managers. 'It runs in the family'



Dr Tony Duffy BVSc MRCVS - Founder Vet



One of our four hospital wards

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