

# Equine Specialities



food impacts into the gap and causes pain and infections. For this reason we want to ensure a healthy mouth into old age and this needs regular teeth inspections with rasping of uneven defects, sharp edges, spikes and the like. We encourage this to be done along with flu and tetanus vaccinations, yearly. A little and often avoids major repairs in the long term.

Horses with serious mouth defects can also be treated at Parkside at our equine facility at Kings Cross Road as day patients – and you save the price of a Visit! If you have a horse that is showing mouth pain when ridden, contact us. Drooling and dropped, chewed food are other tell-tale signs of problems. We regularly carry out lameness investigations here, too, with X-rays and ultrasound scanners on hand.

More people than ever are going on safari and this giraffe was pictured in Kenya's Serengeti park. Look at that jaggy tree it is eating – a bit like eating a gorse bush! If this lovely animal had teeth problems it would be unable to eat properly and would gradually lose weight and die.

The hour-old foal is a bit young to have teeth problems – in fact its baby teeth are just coming through the gum at birth! Adult teeth in horses break through between two and a half and four and a half years old and these teeth keep growing for the life of the horse. They need to keep growing to allow for all the grinding they need to do, to chew food. For this reason, if a horse loses a tooth, the tooth above will overgrow as it cannot wear down due to the gap and, also,



## Lucy & Banjo

Look out for these two in magazines and television advertising where they will be promoting healthy pet care, making people aware of the many parasites which pets can pick up – and the excellent treatments and prevention available from Vets. You will always buy a superior product from your Vet than from a supermarket, as the superior (and safe) drugs which are used in Veterinary products are not available for the general market. If the price looks too good to be true, it will be too good to be true. There is a lovely “Lucy and Banjo” interactive web site where you can see around a Vet's surgery and also around your pets body, showing you what to look for and how you can keep you and your pet healthy. Find the link on the Parkside web site at [parksidevets.com](http://parksidevets.com)



## SURGERY INFORMATION

All Consultations by Appointment

**Dundee**  
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Mon - Fri 8.30am - 7.30pm  
Sat 9.00am - 12.30pm

**Broughty Ferry**  
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Sat 9.00am - 11.30pm