

# Abbey Vets

## Celebrating 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 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.

Their anniversary falls on May 18th so if you are visiting any one of the eight branches on that day you will be treated to a celebratory piece of cake.

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: "We've seen a lot of changes over the past 40 years, and the practice has evolved into what it is today, modern, forward thinking and first and foremost dedicated to looking after the pets under our care."

"We, like everyone in this area weathered

the miners' strike and have watched how the local villages have had to re-establish themselves after all the pit closures. It was a very difficult time for everyone. The practice ethos has always been to take the service into the local area and all those years ago not many people had cars, not to mention their own telephones, so being in the villages was an important part of providing a service to the local community.

"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.

"This month we will be unveiling our new hydrotherapy suite. Tony is always looking for ways in which we can improve, he just has to say to me 'I've had an idea', and I know it means there is another project coming."

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.

Their excellent staff see thousands of patients every month, and are able to offer any care your beloved pet needs. So whether it is time for your pet's annual booster vaccination, or you simply need some advice about another aspect of their health, a short trip to one of their surgeries could help put your mind at ease.



It is now a legal requirement for all dogs to be microchipped and at Abbey Vets they strongly recommend that pet owners microchip all types of pets whether they be cats or rabbits. Their friendly and helpful staff are available to talk you through the process and ensure your pets microchipping runs smoothly.

Sheila said: "Tony ran the practice as the only vet for several years, then as it grew we had to increase the number of vets, nurses and receptionists and we now employ 62 members of staff, many of whom have been with the practice nearly as long as we have."

"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."

Looking after your pet can be a huge responsibility and sometimes all you need is some sound advice and guidance, which is why Abbey Vets is always there to help. Their fully qualified nurses offer a comprehensive range of clinics running in conjunction with

the veterinary staff to give clients all the support they need when looking after their pet.

"As it's our 40th anniversary we would like to thank everyone, our team for all their hard work and our loyal clients, for allowing us to

look after their 'best friend' for the past four decades," said Sheila.

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

Alternatively email [info@abbeyvetgroup.co.uk](mailto:info@abbeyvetgroup.co.uk) or visit [www.abbeyvetgroupbarnsley.co.uk](http://www.abbeyvetgroupbarnsley.co.uk). You can also visit one of the other seven branches.

**FREE RAFFLE**  
for all of our customers  
1st May to 9th June

**40 PRIZES TO BE WON**



Front counter - Main branch



Kim & Sheila - Practice Managers



Tony Duffy - Founder vet



New canine ward



New theatre

**MAIN BRANCH**  
Dodworth Rd  
**BARNSELY**  
01226 242 217

**DARTON**  
01226 383 161  
**ROYSTON**  
01226 722 773

**CUDWORTH**  
01226 716 802  
**HOYLAND**  
01226 747 450

**HIGH GREEN**  
0114 284 8481  
**WOMBWELL**  
01226 340 029

**DEEPCAR**  
0114 288 4994  
**Abbey Vets**