

# Little Coombe Kennels & Cattery

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NEWSLETTER.....

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## *Happy New Year!*

Jenny and Duncan and all the staff wish all our clients a happy and healthy New Year.

The last 12 months have seen several improvements carried out to our kennels. Both blocks have had new insulation fitted in the ceiling, both to retain heat and to reduce noise. We are very pleased with the results. The kennels also has a new fence down the side from which the prevailing wind blows. This also prevents the dogs in their runs from seeing the dogs being taken for walks, thus reducing barking. The top block of kennels has been completely repainted inside and out, and the bottom block will be finished as soon as the Christmas & New Year rush is over. Our son, Alex, has worked very hard on painting and maintenance. The cattery has also been repainted on one side, with the other side due to be done this year.

Staff-wise, we are very fortunate to have an excellent team in place. Our full-time staff are Lorraine, Erica and Kelly (covering Rachel's maternity leave) and our part-time staff are Angela and Kirsty.

In 2009 we hope to welcome back all our regular friends and we look forward to seeing you.

## News in brief

Duncan's shoulder continues to heal after his operation. He is back at work on light duties only, which does not include dog handling. Unfortunately his surgeon said that dogs which pull on the lead are the major cause of his type of injury.

Tilly, our boxer puppy, is now nearly ten months old and still keeping us entertained. She still has a lot to learn but is improving all the time.

Jenny is still doing locum work as a vet for several local practices, and grooming at Little Coombe on 2 or 3 days a week. Demand for grooming is not as high in the recent cold weather, but please bear in mind that there will be a bit of a wait for a grooming appointment when it gets warm again.

Our annual inspection by East Devon District Council has just taken place and we are pleased to report that we passed inspection without any recommendations for changes being made. We are licensed to board 70 dogs and 44 cats.



*We are delighted to announce the birth of our first grandchild. Rachel was born on 9<sup>th</sup> January to our daughter Becky and her partner Ben. She weighed just over 9lb. The family will be living in Exmouth so we look forward to watching Rachel grow up and helping with the babysitting.*