

# Little Coombe Kennels & Cattery

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Owners: Duncan & Jenny Sheriff

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## 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary



Duncan and I moved in to Little Coombe in March 1986, after spending nearly a year looking for the right kennel business. Although we had no experience of running a kennels, we had a lot of combined experience with animals, and I had worked full-time as a vet for 4 years. Twenty five years later, we are still here and have no plans to retire yet. During that time we have completely rebuilt the kennels and cattery, extended the house and brought up three children. My parents have helped a lot over the years, especially with the children, as this is a 7-days-a-week type of job.

To celebrate our 25 year anniversary, we took all the staff out for a meal. Pictured below, from left, are Duncan, Beth, Erica, Kirsty, Lorraine, Angela and Jenny.



We would like to thank all our clients for their custom and support over the years. We look forward to continuing to look after your dogs and cats in the future.



*Thankfully, after a difficult snowy winter, spring is here at last. We are just coming up to the start of our busy season, so please book early if you would like your dog or cat to stay. With bank holidays approaching for Easter, the Royal Wedding, May Day and Spring bank holiday, we are sure to be busy over the next few months. On bank holidays (excluding Christmas) we are open the same hours as usual: 8am – 5pm.*

- If any clients would like to drop in their supermarket Vouchers for Schools, we will be happy to pass them on to our local village primary school.
- Our new computer system is working well and we are getting used to using it. In future we should have clients' and pets' details on file, but we will still need to see the vaccination certificate each time your pet has a booster.

## TICKS

The south-west is one of the areas of the UK where ticks are most common, and according to recent press reports, their numbers are on the increase. Dogs and cats can pick them up from brushing through long grass, in fields or on the common. They attach firmly to the skin and suck blood, growing in size to become as large as a thumbnail after they have fed. Their appearance can be reddish brown or grey, and on close examination you can sometimes make out a small shell on the back. Ticks cause irritation and skin infection where they attach, but more seriously, they also carry Lyme's disease. Ticks should be removed as soon as possible, but not just by pulling as this will often leave the mouth parts embedded in the skin. Various special tick hooks or tick removers are available from your vets or pet shop. To prevent ticks from attaching in the first place, talk to your vets about preventative spot-ons. Not all flea treatments will prevent ticks as well, so do take advice.