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Happy 90th birthday, Mike

RURAL's regular columnist on nature related subjects, Mike Stentiford, celebrated his 90th birthday in August

Homage to the horse

A major art exhibition takes place this autumn, titled 'Equus - Art of the Horse'

2025 special theme:
The future of
rural Jersey

Our special theme this issue:

'REGEN'

Regenerative farming, fisheries
– and finance; the future for
Jersey's rural sector?

WIN
Set Lunch
for two people
at Bohemia



The day the vets came to tea

**All Pets' fear free
approach brings
comfort, care,
and calm right
to your door.
By Summer Lister**

In the soft golden light of a recent summer morning, Leo – a distinguished 17-year-old ginger gentleman – is holding court from his favourite windowsill.

Outside, the hedgerows are alive with sparrows and the occasional tractor hum but inside, all is calm. Leo knows the drill. He's not going anywhere – and that's precisely the point.

This is *The Day the Vets Came for Tea*. Emily, one of the owners of All Pets Veterinary Practice in St Peter, arrives not in a white-walled clinic room, but here at Leo's home, carrying her vet bags and a quiet confidence that this visit will be nothing like the trips he remembers with a shudder.

Today, there's no carrier, no car, no indignity of being stared at by other furry strangers in a waiting room.

Instead, the consultation begins with a few minutes of polite feline negotiation – an exchange of glances, a tail twitch, maybe a little treat and eventually, a slow blink of consent.

For Ruth and Emily, owners of All Pets, this isn't just about convenience – it's about rethinking what good veterinary care can feel like. While home visits aren't the primary focus of All Pets, they're a valuable option to have in the toolkit, especially for patients who simply do better in their own familiar space.

Their practice is built on a 'fear free' philosophy, taking the time to reduce anxiety in both pets and their owners, so that every appointment is calmer, safer, and more effective.

'When an animal is stressed,' says Emily, 'their whole physiology changes – heart rate, blood pressure, even their breathing. By reducing fear, we're not just making them happier, we're also getting more accurate results and better outcomes.'





That approach starts long before a stethoscope appears. At All Pets, longer consultations of 20 minutes as standard mean animals can approach the humans attending to their care in their own time, owners can share every detail without feeling rushed, and tests can often be carried out there and then. And if that means an extra chin scratch or a pause for a treat, so be it.

‘One of our regular furry patients has a penchant for having his pre-anesthetic in the comfort of his own car, before being driven gently around the block by his owner. He drifts off without ever feeling stressed, before coming in for his procedure – waking up none the wiser, still convinced the vets are the best place in the world,’ shares Emily.

‘The result? More relaxed animals, more accurate diagnoses, and less of the escalating fear that can make future vet visits so challenging.’

Leo's Story

Leo's dislike of travel is legendary in his household. His owner, Donna, admits that even the sight of a carrier can trigger a disappearing act worthy of Houdini. Yet here, in the comfort of his own domain, he's remarkably compliant.



This morning, Emily slips seamlessly into her work – a gentle blood pressure check, a swift blood draw, and a discreet glance at the scales (Leo, it seems, may have been enjoying the life of luxury a little too enthusiastically). All done with the kind of calm assurance that turns potential protest into quiet cooperation.

‘Cats are territorial,’ explains Emily. ‘For many, the clinic environment is just too overwhelming – new smells, other animals, the journey itself. At home, we can work with them in a space where they feel secure. That calmness makes all the difference.’

And it's not just cats. Dogs, rabbits, guinea pigs – even the occasional parrot – can benefit from the reduced stress of home visits. For elderly animals, multi-pet households, or owners who find travel difficult, this approach is as much about human welfare as it is about animal health.

A Happier Ending

As the appointment wraps up, Leo stretches, flicks his tail, and returns to his sunbeam without so much as a backward glance. He's had his health checks, his tests, and more than one treat – all without leaving the house.

For Ruth and Emily, that's the goal – veterinary care that protects not just physical health, but the emotional wellbeing of both pet and owner.

Because sometimes, the best medicine isn't found in a bottle or a needle – it's found in the comfort of home, with the sun on your back, knowing you're safe.

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online today**

or pop in to
say hello!

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Pets. Chosen by
Their Humans.**



Looking for a vet who takes the time to really care?

At All Pets, we offer 20-minute consults as standard, same-day appointments when you need them, and even home visits for extra comfort.

We're proudly independent, based in the heart of St Peter's Village, and run by a small, compassionate team who treat every pet like their own.

**Now welcoming new clients -
we can't wait to meet you and
your furry family members.**

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