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## Fly Strike Kills Rabbits

It is a condition which occurs in the summer months when flies lay their eggs around the rabbit's rear end, or within the faeces in the hutch. The eggs turn to maggots which feed from the faeces and eventually the rabbit, burrowing into its flesh!

PREVENTION is better than cure. If caught quickly enough some rabbits can be treated, but fly strike is often FATAL.

### HOW TO PREVENT FLYSTRIKE

**STEP 1** - check that their fur is clean and dry and not matted with faeces. If you see maggots on your rabbit immediately remove them using warm water. Thoroughly dry the area and contact the vet straight away.

**STEP 2** - change soiled bedding every day. Use plenty of good quality absorbent bedding in your rabbit's toilet area to avoid moisture.  
**CLEAN EVERY DAY!**

**STEP 3** - once a week disinfect the hutch. Remove everything from the hutch and disinfect using a purpose made solution suitable for use

with small animals, non toxic hutch cleaner.



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Unfortunately the Feline Advisory Bureau have not run the competition since then but we have not let the good work go to waste and our 'Cattitude' is still here!

Visit Fab Cats website for useful leaflets on cat ownership



### VET PROFILE

SHONA MCLACHLAN BVMS MRCVS

I have been qualified as a veterinary surgeon for 7 years and have been working for Abbey House for three and a half years based at the Cleckheaton Clinic. I spend most of my time seeing consultations and performing routine operations at the Morley Hospital.

Over the last 12 months I have been developing my Interest in animal dentistry, it is an important area that often gets overlooked. Teeth play a big part in your pets quality of life. My goal eventually would be to do endodontic and orthodontic procedures. Brushing is still the best way to keep teeth clean and preventing gum disease. It is never too late to start.

#### My Pet's

I have a cross breed dog called Caol-ila which mean Sound of Islay in Gaelic, three cats called Tom, Poppy and Morag and two rabbits called Stew and Spud.

