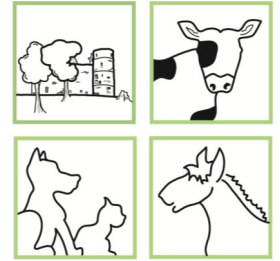


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The Princess Royal Visits Avondale Vets



We are excited to report that Her Royal Highness The Princess Royal visited the Strathaven Rural Centre on Monday 6th September 2010. Princess Anne first visited the animal Feed Mill premises of L.S.Smellie and Sons Ltd. Following on from the mill she was introduced to the staff and shown around the rest of the premises. Princess Anne then visited Avondale Veterinary Group.

Partner Tim Caldwell introduced Princess Anne to Councillor Graeme Campbell, fellow partner Sally Yuill, practice manager Alison Summers and head nurse Lindsay MacAusland. The Princess then took time to talk with staff who had gathered in our waiting room.



Royal Visit

After meeting our small animal team Tim escorted Princess Anne on a tour of our facilities.

In the preparation and triage area of the small animal department, Princess Anne viewed an ultrasound examination of a patient, black labrador Maddie, with vet nurse Vari Higgins and vet Sue Counce and a demonstration of the benefits of a new digital x-ray technology.



During the tour, Princess Anne was shown the operating theatres, dental suite, x-ray suite, kennels and cattery.

Princess Anne was then introduced to Susan and Kathleen in our equine unit. They discussed the advantages the new equine facilities provide for clients and their horses such as inpatient treatment, stabling with supersoft matting for laminitics, CCTV monitoring, hard and soft lunging facilities and stocks to allow procedures to be performed on standing horses. Two horses were inpatients on the day (and the Princess showed interest in their conditions).



Susan explained how Avondale Vet Group is involved in the British Equine Veterinary Association "Safer Large Animal Rescues" initiative in Scotland and how Ross is working with BEVA, and Strathclyde Fire and rescue to establish a training centre in Glasgow.

