

CHANGES TO OUT OF HOURS SERVICE

!!!!ATTENTION ALL CLIENTS!!!!



James Street Veterinary Centre



Black Sheep Vets

Vet emergency service in Louth

The Louth based vets of James Street Vets and Black Sheep Vets are looking to **merge the after-hours emergency cover** as both practices have found they are unable to recruit or retain vets due to current out-of-hour commitments.

The recent trend of vets closing in evenings and passing emergency work to dedicated out-of-hour centres would mean passing an emergency to the nearest dedicated centres in Lincoln, Hull or Market Rasen and James Street Vets and Black Sheep Vets believe in trying to keep a **local veterinary emergency service** based in Louth.

As a genuine emergency is time critical, James Street Vets and Black Sheep Vets are going to combine to form an out-of-hours service that will be based at either practice in Louth, depending on which staff member is on call.

Clients will **telephone their usual vet in an emergency** and be directed to the vet on call for the emergency. Clients would return to their own vets once the emergency has been dealt with.

At present each practice will continue to care for their own overnight in-patients and **this service will only affect out-of-hours emergency work** in evenings and at weekends.

This service will begin on **Friday 2nd March 2018.**