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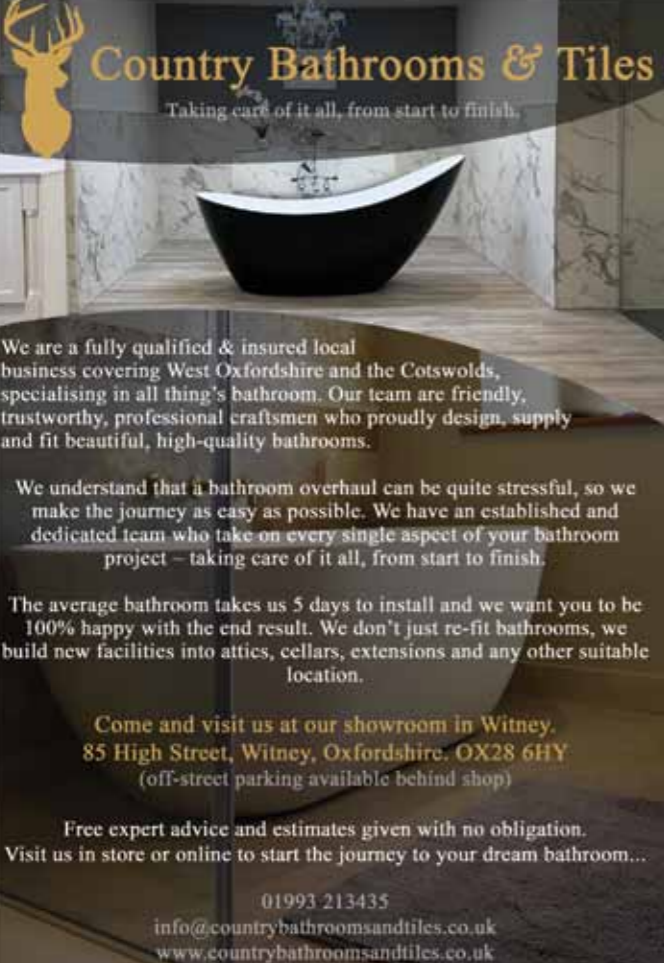
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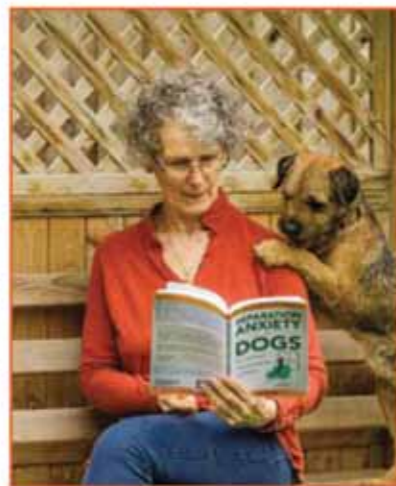




What is Separation Anxiety (SA) in Dogs

Separation Anxiety in dogs is an inability to cope when left alone. The most common form of this is isolation distress; the most severe form is clinical separation anxiety or hyper-attachment disorder.

It's not known how and why dogs develop SA. Research has suggested that certain breeds may be more susceptible; epigenetics (the science of how our genes respond to the environment) may factor; a frightening event or experience in the home when alone; and post-COVID, dogs who got used to their family being at home 24/7 are all within my caseload. Often, there is no identifiable reason.



SA is an anxiety or panic disorder. The dog does not feel safe when left alone. Clear signs of SA are if a dog barks or howls for long periods; they eliminate in the house when normally they are well housetrained; they destroy furnishings or try to escape by digging at the floor or walls at door-

ways. These only happen when a dog is left alone.

It's a myth that your dog is somehow paying you back, being dominant, stubborn, or naughty by doing this. The dog is severely stressed and anxious and is not in control of their emotions. Helping a dog to overcome their SA can be a long and frustrating challenge and many

families that I help have come to the end of their ability to cope and to hope of better times for them and their dog. SA is truly a disorder that affects the whole family.

I am qualified as a Certified Separation Anxiety Trainer (CSAT). I understand the hopelessness that often comes with trying



to support your dog to be ok with being alone. I am a resource and mentor to people who find themselves in this position. I work with my clients using a programme of systematic desensitisation, which is tailored exactly to each individual dog. This is similar to treatment of human anxiety/phobias, but as we are working with dogs who cannot tell us how they are feeling, an expert eye on their body language and signalling is an integral tool of success.

I offer a 30-minute consultation phone call or Zoom chat free of charge to talk about your dog and their separation-related behaviour. If you are concerned that your dog may have SA, or you have been trying to help your dog but have only got so far, please get in touch.

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The shopper routes run on a Tuesday morning to Moreton-in-Marsh market and supermarkets and on a Thursday morning to Stow-on-the-Wold supermarkets and the monthly market. The services are door to door, our driver will collect passengers from their homes, not a bus stop. Bus passes are accepted on these routes and carers are free to travel with the passenger if required. Pre booking is essential, you can book by calling or emailing the office (details below).

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Risks and Rewards of Mako Robotic-Arm Assisted Hip and Knee Surgery

I am one of a few Orthopaedic Robotic Surgeons in the UK currently using this revolutionary technique **Mako robotic-arm assisted surgery for total knee and hip replacements.**

I warmly welcome this state-of-the-art technology to Spire South Bank Hospital in Worcester. In this article I explain what Mako is, how it works and the advantages of using the robot.

What is Mako robotic arm technology?

Stryker has developed Mako robotic-arm assisted technology taking surgery into the next generation. The Company worked alongside Orthopaedic Surgeons to design an innovative system, that can be used to pre-plan joint replacements procedures using a CT-based 3D scan of the patients unique anatomy. Mako assists with more accurate positioning of standard implants, which help to improve clinical outcomes.

How does Mako work?

Before surgery, patients have a CT-based scan of the damaged joint. A 3D virtual model of their unique anatomy is loaded into the Mako system software and used to create a personalised pre-operative plan. During surgery, I guide the robotic arm, using it to prepare the joint to receive the prosthetic implant.

The Mako system supports me to remain within the pre-defined area of the joint, so only damaged or diseased tissue is removed. As a result, the implant is positioned in precisely the right place and as much of the patient's natural joint as possible is retained. If a revision joint replacement is needed at a future date to replace a worn-out prosthesis, then having had an initial Mako assisted joint replacement can reduce the risk of complications and ensure better outcomes.

What are the rewards of Mako robotic-arm assisted surgery?

The rewards of having a Mako procedure include:

- **Accuracy** – Because the system allows me to create a personalised surgical plan, implants are positioned with even greater accuracy. This is important as even fractional

misalignment can cause pain, discomfort and reduced performance.

- **Safety** – The Mako system supports my skill, helping me to remain within the area identified in their pre-operative planning stage and reducing the chances of human error.

- **Minimising stress on soft tissues** – Mako maps the natural movement patterns of the joint to reduce stress on soft tissues and ligaments and ensure the joint can move naturally using

the artificial implant.

- **Fewer complications** – Results show fewer prosthesis complications after surgery and shorter rehabilitation times. There may also be reduced blood loss as there is less unnecessary exposed bone surface.

- **Reduced risk of implant failure** – Improving accuracy helps to reduce the risk of implant failure and potentially the need for revision surgery in the future.

Are there any risks with Mako robotic surgery?

All surgery carries risks and Mako robotic arm assisted hip and knee replacements are no exception. I will discuss any potential risks with you.

To book a consultation or for further information contact:

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Introducing RoboDoc Mr Nadim Aslam Consultant Orthopaedic Robotic Hip and Knee Surgeon

I am one of a few Orthopaedic Surgeons in the UK currently performing Mako robotic-arm assisted surgery for total knee and total hip replacements and have one of the fastest set-up's in the UK.

By using the latest technology to plan the surgery using a CT-based 3D modelling of bone anatomy, the hip or knee can be replaced with less soft tissue damage, enabling a more predictable surgical experience with increased precision and accuracy.

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Where is the robot based and how can I get further information?

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