



MOT's and Routine Health Care

Everyone is familiar with MOT's for our cars. Our pets also benefit from routine health checks and modern veterinary medicine is as much about prevention of problems as it is about treating them.

The most familiar health checks occur with annual vaccination. Checks may include discussions about; **Vaccinations**; many vaccines are 'core' vaccines which all animals should have irrespective of their lifestyle. There are others such as feline leukaemia virus and Kennel Cough, which are given to animals most at risk.

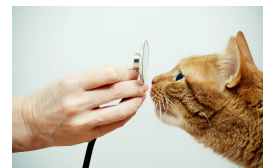
Neutering: The pros and cons of neutering your pet can be discussed.

Parasite Treatment: ; Treatment for parasites needs to be tailored to the lifestyle of your pet. The products available and how often they should be used can be discussed during your pet's check-up.

Dietary advice: The link between good nutrition and health applies to pets as much as it does to people. Obesity is becoming more common in dogs and cats, causing significant health issues such as increased risk of diabetes and arthritis.

Dental disease: This is **very** common in pets over 3 years old resulting in bad breath, gum disease, lost teeth and painful mouth. If spotted in time, dental disease can be treated and the signs reversed.

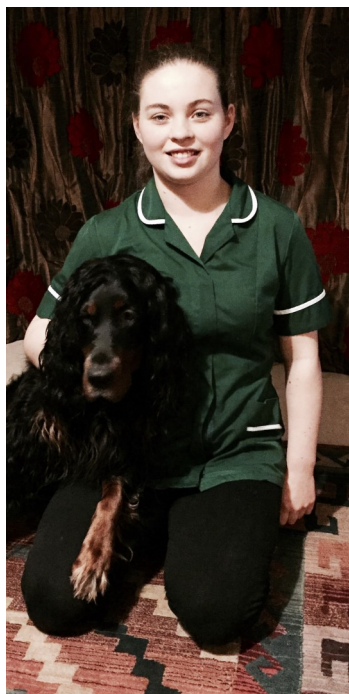
Others: Your pet's heart will be checked for early signs of heart disease. The general physical examination is also useful to detect lumps or bumps. You can also discuss any other problems your pet might be experiencing, such as lameness, increasing thirst or other symptoms.



Routine health checks can help your pet lead a long and happy life. Not only do we offer all this at your annual vaccinations but a free of charge Well Pet Clinic is also available to our vaccinated pets six months after the vaccination. This is offered by our team of fully qualified nurses and they undertake a nose to tail examination, weight checks, nutritional and feeding advice along with some great tips, tricks and wealth of knowledge our nurses can provide.

New faces.....

Joining the Companion Animal Team this month is Natalie Pattinson (RVN). Natalie qualified as a veterinary nurse in 2016 and enjoys all aspects of the role but especially inpatient care, feline patients, critical care and laboratory work. In her spare time Natalie enjoys walks with her beautiful Gordon Setter, Eva and immersing herself in television crime series. We look forward to welcoming her to the Practice.



Whether ambling along leafy lanes, rambling through forests, or exploring new access land, the countryside is a great place for you and your dog to explore and enjoy responsibly.

Here are six steps to worry-free 'walkies' following the Countryside Code!

1—By law, you must control your dog so that it does not disturb or scare farm animals or wildlife. On most areas of open country and common land, known as access land, you must keep your dog on a short lead between 1st March and 31st July and all year round near farm animals.

2—You do not have to put your dog on a lead on public paths as long as it is under close control, but as a general rule, keep your dog on a lead if you cannot rely on its obedience. By law, farmers are entitled to destroy a dog that injures or worries their animals.

3—If a farm animal chases you and your dog, it is safer to let your dog off the lead - don't risk getting hurt by trying to protect it.

4—Take particular care that your dog doesn't scare sheep and lambs or wander where it might disturb birds that nest on the ground and other wildlife - eggs and young will soon die without protection from their parents.

5—Everyone knows how unpleasant dog mess is and it can cause infections - always clean up after your dog and get rid of the mess responsibly. Also make sure your dog is wormed regularly to protect it, other animals and people.

6—At certain times dogs may not be allowed on some areas of open land or may need to be kept on a lead. Please follow any signs.

Wherever you go, following these steps will help keep your pet safe, protect the environment and show you are a responsible dog owner. We offer a wide range of products to assist in making walking with your dog a pleasurable, safe and responsible experience for all concerned: Pooh bags and bag carriers, leads and harnesses, training aids and treats, high visibility coats and lights, worming tablets and much more. Call in and take a look at the range we have on offer!



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offers, vet and staff profiles and much more!

