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Companion Animal Newsletter January 2017

Happy New Year! We hope you all had a lovely Christmas and welcomed in the New Year with lots of cheer.

Many of you will already have met Rebecca Frost who has been working at the practice over the last year on an occasional basis. We are very pleased to welcome Beccy on board three days per week (Monday to Wednesday) covering Katie Illingworth's maternity leave throughout 2017. Rebecca qualified in 2004 from Liverpool University and has worked in various small animal establishments, including 3 years in New Zealand. She lives in Bentham and owns three rabbits, Babette, Bert, and Lyle and also has a feisty cat Mooney, who came back with her from New Zealand. Beccy would much rather be outside in the garden, or in the hills, and enjoying many outdoor pursuits including mountaineering, climbing and cycling. If she has to be inside though, she does enjoy making bread and also is a recorder player and singer.



First Aid Fun!

The First Aid for Your Pet course held at Knight Stainforth Meeting Rooms proved to be a very enjoyable and informative day for everyone who attended. Keeping the group to small numbers provided the opportunity for good hands on experience in the practical sessions and the chance to chat and ask questions in an informal learning atmosphere.



We appreciate that not everyone could make it on a weekday but we are hoping to hold another course in spring either in the evening or at the weekend.

If you are interested in attending the First Aid for Your Pet course in the future please contact the surgery on **01729 823538** and we will keep your name on record and contact you when a date has been arranged.

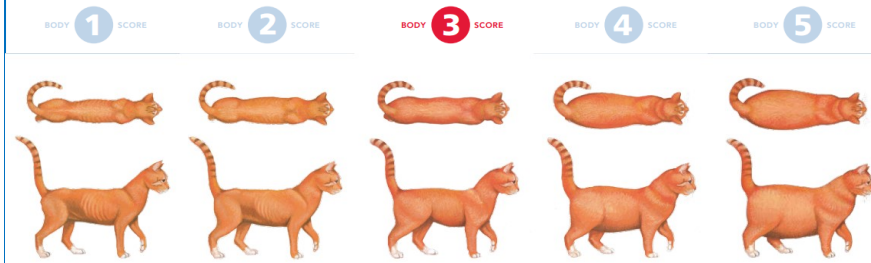


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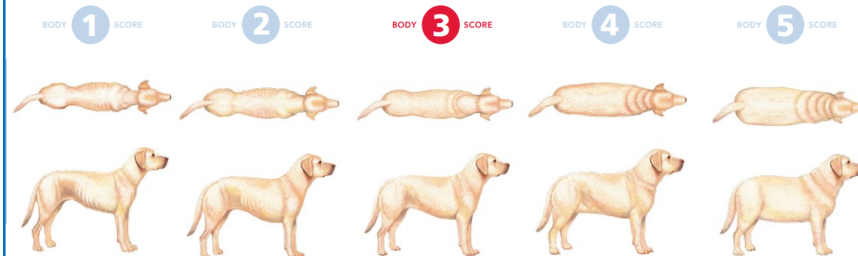
New Year Resolutions

Feline Body Score Chart



It's that time of the year again where we are all busy making New Year resolutions whether it be to lose a few pounds, get a little fitter, or to save more money. This year, why not make a few for your pet too? It may be to add a few hundred yards on to their walk, brush their coat twice a week, or clean their teeth everyday but another great place to start is with their weight.

Canine Body Score Chart



Pet obesity is a growing problem in the UK so including them in your New Year resolutions to get fit and keep in shape is a super idea.

We have weigh scales in our waiting rooms at Settle and Bentham surgeries and a member of staff will be happy to assist you to check your pet's weight and make a note of any changes on their record.

We offer free of charge Weight Clinics with one of our nurses who can examine your pet and give a whole host of weight loss tips and also advise on weight related issues such as joint care. We can tailor diets to your pet's specific needs and offer a range of Hills pet food which can help with weight loss or even weight gain if you're worried that your pet isn't in ideal condition.



We use a body scoring system when we check your pet's weight, this goes from 1 –5, 1 being very thin, 5 being obese and 3 being ideal. You should be able to feel your pets ribs easily and when you look down on top of them you should see a waistline just behind the ribs.

Check the chart and if you feel that your pet falls into categories 4 or 5 make an appointment to see the nurse now on **01729 823538** and start getting fit today!