



VETERINARY SURGERY

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The Eight Point Plan to Preventative Health Care For Your Pet

1. Vaccinations

We strongly advise vaccinations.

For Dogs: the course can start from 6 weeks old with the second vaccination at 10 weeks old. The puppy can then go out for walks a week after the second vaccine.

For Cats: the course can start from 9 weeks of age with the second three weeks later. We are an 'at risk' area especially for Parvovirus and cat flu infections. Both dog and cats require annual revaccination (booster injections).

2. Diet

The surgery recommends the Hills range of diets. They are a complete food with everything your pet needs in them. Access to fresh water at all times is essential.

3. Worming

We recommend fortnightly worming until 12 weeks old, then monthly until 6 months old, then every 3 months for life. Milbemax is a complete wormer in a single dose given at the above intervals.

4. Flea control

Advantage/Advantix is the leading brand. It is safe for your pet and the family. The spot on is the most effective format and can be used from 8 weeks of age.

5. Neutering

We recommend neutering from 4 months old. The operation is a complete removal of the womb and ovaries for females or castration for males. Your pet will be much better for the procedure and less prone to illness.

6. Microchip Identification

This is a small implant given by injection under the skin between the shoulder blades. If your pet is lost and brought in as a stray then the police, the pound, the dog warden and veterinary surgeries all have readers, so can read the chip, access the National data base and safely reunite you to your pet.

7. Insurance

The surgery recommends insurance. We recommend a policy that will give life cover and will continue paying out for chronic conditions e.g. diabetes or heart problems.

8. Dental Care

The surgery recommends brushing your pet's teeth with a pet toothbrush and paste once daily starting as puppies and kittens for life to try and maintain healthy teeth and gums. High quality diet will reduce the risk of dental disease (see 2).