

Feline Care



Facelift for our Reception!

Next time you visit our practice, enjoy our recently refurbished reception. Spacious and bright, it's a very welcoming area for you and your pets, and where our **Cosy Cat Corner** helps make your visit to the vet with your cat or dog a whole lot less stressful. While waiting for your appointment, the cats can't see the dogs and vice versa!

Cats are very clever creatures and have owners wound round their little paws, pampering and serving their every whim! Our felines deal with life in their own time and never seem to rush anywhere, except to the feeding bowl! They can be very vocal and communicate by meowing, purring, growling, trilling, hissing, with pheromones and also body language. It is thought that cats evolved 12 million years ago, and can be seen in ancient Egyptian paintings and sculptures.

Common Cat Ailments



FLUTD

Feline lower urinary tract disease covers a wide range of conditions affecting the bladder and urethra, such as bladder stones, urinary crystals, stress or infection.

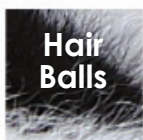
Signs can include - squatting to urinate but cannot urinating frequently and in unusual places - blood in urine



Mouth

Providing routine healthcare for your cat or administering medication can prove a fiery business of possible scratches and bites, which does cause owners and even us vets to be a little wary! However, regular mouth checks are needed as some cats are prone to oral disease.

Watch out for - ulcers or cuts on tongues - bad breath inflamed swollen or bleeding gums (gingivitis) - broken teeth excessive drooling - reluctance to eat



Hair Balls

Ingested hair from grooming generally passes through their digestive system and out the other end. However, a hairball can develop in the stomach or small intestine. You may find your cat retching or gagging in an attempt to remove it.

Other signs to look out for - loss of appetite constipation - a swollen abdomen

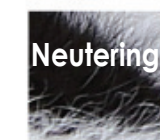


Routine Jabs

Vaccinations can help protect your pet against infectious diseases. Cats wander freely outdoors, and may come into contact with unvaccinated, feral or stray cats carrying diseases such as **Cat Flu and Feline Leukaemia**.

Effective and regular flea, tick and worm treatments will help to avoid parasite infestations, which can cause many health problems.

We have plenty of advice, help and treatments to tackle the above ailments, so if you notice any signs of ill health in your feline friend or would like further information, please do not hesitate to contact us.



Neutering

At about six months old, cats can reproduce and often! Tom cats fight with other male cats and are at risk of disease via bites and scratches.

A queen cat will deliver 3-4 kittens or more, and then shortly after is off to get pregnant again! Neutering provides health and social advantages, as it helps to reduce fighting, aggression, spraying, the spread of fatal disease and unwanted kitten litters.

GLAVEN SURGERY HOURS

We are open for pet healthcare and advice during the hours of

Holt 01263 713200

Monday to Friday
8.30am - 6pm

Saturday 9am - 12 noon

Wells 01328 711022

Monday to Friday
9am - 12noon
3pm - 6pm

Consultations with our
Veterinary Surgeons and Nurses
are by appointment

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Even Our Pets Have Accidents



We Are RCVS Accredited High Standards and Assurance



The Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons, regulate the veterinary profession in the UK. They provide a form of quality assurance for animals and their owners that veterinary services are received from qualified vets in a professional manner. For a Veterinary Surgeon to practice in the UK, they must also be registered members.

For Glaven Vets to be an RCVS Accredited Practice, requires us to meet the strict and high standards set by the RCVS in such areas as **clinical care, hygiene, equipment and staff training**. As part of this accreditation, we also volunteer to be inspected at least every four years and are open to 'spot checks' between these inspections.

As an RCVS Accredited Practice, you can feel confident that we maintain high clinical standards, while providing a caring, comprehensive and professional service for you and your pets.

There is a common saying between vets and nurses, "well what do you expect, it's a nurse's dog!" We'd like you to meet 12-year-old Border Terrier **Willow**, who forty-eight hours before the above photo, was merrily chasing through the woods in hot pursuit of a local fox.... but disappeared! Willow belongs to one of our nurses, **Sue**, who found her seven hours after she had gone missing, in the middle of nowhere in a ditch, very distressed and unable to use either of her back legs!

Back here at our surgery following examinations and X-rays, and then CT scans at a local referral centre, it was discovered that she had a traumatic spinal compression in simple terms.....

Willow had 'slipped a couple discs'. After discussions regarding her age, it was decided not to perform surgery, but to treat her with intravenous fluids, pain relief, a urinary catheter and hospitalisation. This turned out to be a very lucky decision as Willow then promptly went in to liver failure. She was not responding to treatment and refused all food. After several days at the referral centre, it was decided that Willow should go home to see if she would improve.

She has always been a pack dog, so when she saw her two best friends at home, Willow began to pick up a little.

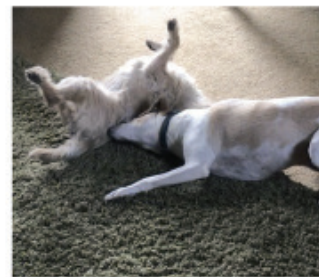
A few days later, Sue began giving Willow gentle physiotherapy. At this stage she realised that not only had Willow damaged her back and liver, but unfortunately she had also ruptured the cruciate ligaments in both back knees (these keep the knee joint stable), but yet again..... surgery was not an option.



Anthony and Willow

As time progressed her liver improved, but even with strict rest and daily physiotherapy, the consultant was concerned as Willow's mobility was not improving. She was still unable to stand or walk, so the next decision was for Willow to try hydrotherapy. Sue contacted **Anthony Flint** who owns and runs **Fourpaws Canine Hydrotherapy in Letheringsett**. Willow had a taster session in the water treadmill and Sue was delighted! It was the first time she had seen Willow weight bear in over a month and with three sessions a week, Willow gradually and thankfully began to improve. After nine long weeks, Willow is now walking and even has the occasional trot! Her hydrotherapy sessions will continue for a while, and although Willow will probably not be the naughty little terrier she was, is happy and mobile. You can view some of her hydrotherapy sessions on Glaven Vets' Facebook page. **We are all very pleased of the happy outcome for Sue and one brave little dog called Willow!**

If you think hydrotherapy might help your dog either after an injury, for arthritis or even just for general fitness, please feel free to talk to us here at Glaven Vets or contact Anthony Flint at Fourpaws Canine Hydrotherapy in Letheringsett on 01263 478448.



He is NARCH registered, (National Association of Registered Canine Hydrotherapists) which means that if you are referred to Anthony, most insurance companies should cover the costs.



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