

Pet Vaccinations.

Vaccinations have been very effective at reducing the incidence of serious and potentially fatal infectious diseases in our pets. We vaccinate our pets on an annual basis so that they are protected against the following diseases.

Dogs – Parvovirus, distemper, infectious hepatitis, leptospirosis. Kennel cough and Rabies.

Cats – Feline herpes, feline calicivirus, feline leukaemia and feline panleucopenia.

Rabbits – Myxomatosis and Rabbit haemorrhagic disease (RHD).

Why should we vaccinate our pets?

Many of the diseases that we vaccinate our pets against are killers, for example an unvaccinated dog that contracts the parvovirus disease can easily die. The only way to prevent these diseases in animals is to have them vaccinated.

When do I need to get my pet vaccinated?

When puppies, kittens and rabbits are born they are partially protected from external infections via immunity from their mother. However, this will only protect them for the first few weeks of life. Vaccinations are then needed to protect them further. The initial vaccination course can be given from 6 weeks of age in puppies with a second injection 4 weeks later. For kittens, the first vaccination can be given from 9 weeks of age with the second injection 3 weeks later. The initial vaccination course in rabbits can be given from 5 weeks of age.



Does my pet need yearly vaccinations?

Once your pet is fully vaccinated they would require a yearly booster injection to ensure their vaccinations are kept up to date. After a while they may only need certain parts annually and so we 'part' booster some years and 'full' on others so we ensure we are not over-vaccinating your pet.

Does my pet need other vaccinations if travelling abroad?

If you are planning to take your pet abroad they will require other vaccinations to protect them against other diseases such as rabies. Depending on the country you are planning to take your pet and whether you are coming back to the UK makes a difference to your pet requires. All pets going abroad will need a pet passport to travel. Further information is available at www.gov.uk

Arthritis.

As many as 2 million dogs and cats are estimated to suffer from joint problems each year.

Arthritis is a painful degenerative disease of the joint that reduces your pet's mobility. Cartilage degeneration results in joint inflammation which is responsible for the chronic pain and restricted joint function that can spoil your pet's quality of life. Any joint can be affected, but it is most common in the hips, elbows, shoulders, knees and back. Different breeds can be affected in different ways.

Symptoms include:

Limping - does your pet suffer from stiffness or limping, especially after lying down or going for a long walk?

'Laziness' – has your pet stopped wanting to play with you, or go for that long walk across the fields he used to love?

Reduced agility - is your pet finding it difficulty entering or exiting the car, climbing the stairs or even just getting up?

Sleeping/resting - does your pet seem to spend a lot of time lying around and staying in the same spot?

In the majority of cases, arthritis occurs secondary to a lifetime of wear and tear on the joints. **So, what can be done?** Although arthritis cannot be cured, even those pets that are only mildly affected can benefit from treatment. The most effective approach involves several factors. Weight loss can make a massive difference for pets carrying a few extra pounds. Regular exercise including swimming or hydrotherapy is also helpful. Anti-inflammatory pain relief medication and food supplements containing glucosamine and chondroitin sulphate such as Nutraquin+ can help with these symptoms.

Nutraceutical Joint Support.

Nutraquin+ is classed as 'nutraceutical joint support product'. They use only the necessary high quality ingredients that help maintain healthy joint function.

Nutraquin+ improves mobility and flexibility, and aids and soothes stiff joints.

Nutraquin+ includes:

Glucosamine HCL - An important building block for cartilage. It helps cartilage to act as a shock absorber.

Chondroitin Sulphate – This helps maintain synovial fluid viscosity to give extra joint protection and is also an important building block for cartilage.

Vitamin C – A powerful antioxidant required to produce collagen. Collagen is the main supportive protein in cartilage, ligament, tendon, and connective tissue.

Zinc Sulphate – This is important for healing in the body and is also required for the synthesis of collagen.

Boswellia Extract - A plant extract which plays an important role in maintaining smooth and comfortable joint movement. It is used to support conventional drugs but does not cause the damage to cartilage that many conventional anti-inflammatories may do.

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