

Ikin & Oxenham Sidmouth Veterinary Centre

Oral Health

Our pets can suffer from dental disease. Problems occur when plaque builds up on the teeth. If the plaque is not removed it can harden into tartar. It may also lead to inflammation of the gums known as gingivitis. This can become tender for your pet but can be reversed. It would take a regular home care dental programme to be carried out and professional therapy from a vet, but left to progress it can become a more serious problem called periodontitis and this can cause irreversible damage.

Symptoms to look out for are:

- Halitosis (Bad Breath)
- Increased saliva produced
- Plaque or tartar build up on the teeth
- Reluctant to eat or a change in their eating habits
- Inflamed and/or bleeding gums

Prevention is better than cure it is never too late to start and oral health care programme to help reduce dental disease progress.

Our nurses can check your pet's teeth, free of charge, and get you and your pet started on an oral health programme. They may advise further treatment such as a dental under a general anaesthetic but would be able to discuss this with you.

Phone and Book an appointment
with our nurses for your pets

FREE DENTAL CHECK

Welcoming a new pet into the family is a very exciting time for the whole family.

Here are a few key points to remember.

Vaccinations

Providing their mother was fully vaccinated, puppies and kittens should be protected during the first few weeks of life. However in order to maintain their immunity a primary course of vaccinations is required. Yearly boosters are required over the animal's life to help maintain their immunity to certain disease.

Worms

Puppies and kittens often acquire roundworms from their mothers early in life, so it is very important to treat them. As they grow they are susceptible to both roundworms and tapeworms and will require worming against both on a regular basis.

Fleas

Spot on treatments are ideal for treating your puppy or kitten against fleas, and house hold sprays are available to treat the house.

Feeding

It is very important that your new pet is fed the correct diet. Specifically formulated life-stage diets are recommended. These provide the correct balance of nutrients for your new puppy/kitten.

Micro-chipping

Getting your puppy or kitten micro-chipped is a very effective way of permanently identifying your pet so if he/she went missing you have the best chance of being reunited and is soon to become a legal requirement.

Pet Insurance

Veterinary treatments can be costly, so pet insurance is recommended, giving you peace of mind should unplanned veterinary treatment be required. We offer 4 weeks free insurance with Pet Plan, ask a member of staff for more details.

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