

# Ikin & Oxenham Sidmouth Veterinary Centre

## Rabbit Vaccinations

Myxomatosis and rabbit haemorrhagic disease (RHD) are two serious diseases that all rabbits (our pet rabbits and wild rabbits) can suffer from.

Both diseases are caused by viruses. Common signs of myxomatosis are "sleepy eyes", swollen lips, fluid filled swellings around the head and face and often they have puffy swellings around the anus and genitals. Myxomatosis is fatal in unvaccinated rabbits. Rabbits affected by RHD can be lethargic and have short periods of dullness but will often die rapidly without showing any obvious clinical signs.

There are vaccinations available to vaccinate against both myxomatosis and RHD. A single inoculation will provide immunity against both disease. Annual boosters are required to maintain immunity.

Please contact the surgery to book your rabbit in for the vaccination.

## Snake Warning

Snakes are more present in areas such as the commons at this time of year. Please be aware of this when out walking your pet. The European Adder is the only venomous snake native to the UK. The adult is about 50cm long, pale grey/green to dark brown with characteristic black/brown dorsal zigzag patterning (not obvious if very dark).

Adder venom is a complex mixture of proteins. It has a direct effect on the heart and blood vessels. Onset is usually rapid within 2 hours so speed is essential for treatment. Puncture wounds may be visible, with localized, painful swelling that may spread and bleed. Signs include shock, collapse, renal, hepatic and cardiac effects

Keep your dog still and quiet if possible and leave the bite site alone.

If you think your dog has been bitten then please contact the surgery.

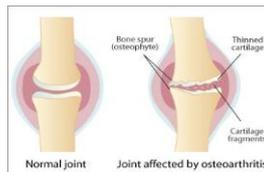


## Nutritional Joint Support – Nutraceuticals

As many as 2 million dogs and cats are expected to suffer from joint problems each year. Osteoarthritis is a painful degenerative disease which affects bone and cartilage and reduces your pet's mobility. Any joint can be affected, but it is most common in the hips, elbows, shoulders, knee's and back. Different breeds can be affected in different ways.

Typical signs your pet is suffering from a joint condition include:

- Pain, lameness and stiffness, especially after rest following exercise.
  - Joints can become swollen or warm.
- Personality changes or increase aggression due to pain. Cats groom themselves less when they are sore.



There are positive actions you can take.

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 do.

If you would like more information on nutraceuticals please contact the surgery.

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