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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. Pet owners often mistake early signs as 'laziness' in their pet, a change of personality, or as simply the natural slowing down of old age. 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 difficult 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.

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.

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

A Bit of History.

Ikin and Oxenham is a well-established veterinary practice that treats livestock and horses as well as pets. We have been in Sidmouth for over 50 years and our branch surgery has been in Ottery St Mary for almost as long. There are currently 6 veterinary surgeons, 7 veterinary nurses and reception staff, who have all worked for Ikin & Oxenham for a number of years. As well as providing our clients with a 24hour emergency service, we offer a variety of procedures including digital radiography, in house blood testing, ultrasound scanning and various operations.

Our nurses also run clinics and can offer a range of advice on topics such as parasite control, dental hygiene, weight management, diabetes management, elderly pet care and micro-chipping.

All our staff are here to help, so feel free to call us anytime.

Microchipping Law - from 6th April 2016!

The microchipping of Dogs (England) Regulations 2015 will introduce compulsory microchipping of dogs in England on April 6th 2016.

Veterinary Nurses are able to microchip your dogs, so if you wish for your dog to be microchipped before the deadline then contact the surgery and book an appointment to see the registered veterinary nurse for a £10 microchip.



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