



Forest Lodge Veterinary Practice



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NEW AND IMPROVED PET HEALTHCARE PLAN



April 1st is the start of our exciting new Pet Healthcare Plan.

A Fantastic way of budgeting for your pet's preventative healthcare. Our plan provides a way of paying for your pets boosters, worming and flea treatment by monthly direct debit at a highly competitive price, with lots of added benefits, guaranteed to save you money!

Our new plan includes:

- *Annual vet health check and vaccination
- *Year round flea and tick treatments
- *Annual nurse check
- *FREE pet food deliveries
- *FREE prescription deliveries
- *£25 off emergency appointments
- *30% off Micro-chipping
- *15% off neutering
- *15% off preventative dental surgery
- *10% off nurse consultations
- *10% off medication
- *10% off food and accessories bought from the practice
- *Fly strike prevention for rabbits (One treatment that lasts 10 weeks).

All these benefits are available for a monthly fee of:

- £9.99 for cats,**
- £5.99 for rabbits**
- £11.99 for small dogs (up to 10kg)**
- £13.99 for mediums dogs (10.1-25kg)**
- £15.99 for large dogs (25.1-40kg)**
- £21.99 for extra large dogs (over 40kg)**

There is a discount of 5% on your total monthly fee if you have more than one pet on the plan.

Signing up is easy, just pop into the practice to fill out a simple application form, do bring your bank details. Alternatively call the **Pet Health Plans team on 0800 1699958.**

With so many benefits and prices like these can you afford not to?



Our Surgeries

New Milton

14 Barton Court Road

BH25 6NP

Tel: 01425 614482

Lymington

66 Milford Road

SO41 8DU

Tel: 01590 673687

Emergencies

Out of normal hours:

Tel: 01425 614482

Surgery Hours

9:00-6:30pm Mon-Fri

9:00-5 pm Sat (NM)

9:00-1pm (Lym)

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Mystery Canine Illness

This winter has seen a resurgence of this disease, not only in the New Forest, but also across the country. The cause is still unknown despite rigorous testing. Anderson Moores Veterinary Specialists believe it to be **Idiopathic Cutaneous and Renal Glomerular Vasculopathy**, also known as Alabama Rot. The disease starts as lesions, usually on the lower limbs and may then progress to kidney failure within 2-7 days. Cases require early recognition and aggressive management so if you see lesions (a patch of red skin, swelling or ulcer,) contact us immediately, especially if your dog is unwell. For more information follow us on Facebook or provide reception with your e-mail address so we can keep you updated. As the weather improves, we are hopefully going to see a reduction in cases, but do continue to be vigilant and we will keep you up to date.

PHOTO OF THE MONTH COMPETITION

Don't forget to keep sending your photos to: Lymsurg@forestlodgevets.com for a chance to appear on our website and Facebook page.



Stress in cats

Chronic stress has been identified as a significant component of most common cat behavior problems and some common diseases.

The ability of the individual to cope with challenges depends on both the genetic and environmental factors, such as poor socialization as a kitten. Cats as a species are solitary animals and we place excessive stress on them when we ask them to live in multi cat households or where there is a large number of cats in a small neighborhood and not enough territories to go round.

Chronic stress can cause problems such as :

- * Inappropriate toileting and urine spraying.
- * Over-grooming and pica (eating inappropriate objects)
- * Aggression,
- * Facial rubbing,



* Bladder problems.

There are many ways to reduce stress in cats, the most important of these factors are environmental management, such as providing cats with enough litter trays away from prying eyes, providing plenty of hiding places and preventing local cats from entering your home, (a micro-chip cat flap can help with this.)

Stress reducing diets play a big role in management. We stock a range of diets designed to help; some con-



tain stress reducing supplements avoiding the need to administer medication to your cat, which in itself can be stressful. These have been shown to reduce bladder problems by 90%!

There are also supplements, sprays and pheromone diffusers to help reduce anxiety and in severe cases there is medication that can help.

For more information on diets please speak to your veterinary surgeon, or one of our nurses will be happy to help.

If you are a member of our Pet Health Plan all these products are available for free delivery and 10% cheaper making managing this challenging condition cheaper and less stressful for the owner too!

If your cat is showing signs of stress please don't hesitate to book an appointment today, don't suffer in silence!

RABBIT AWARENESS WEEK

Change One Thing
...what will you change?
10th May - 18th May 2014

Between the 12th and the 16th of May we will be offering FREE RABBIT HEALTH CHECKS with our qualified nurses at the New Milton Surgery. Please call reception to book your slot.

Changes in canine vaccinations

We are currently in the process of changing onto a new vaccine which covers more strains of Leptospirosis than previously. Leptospirosis is a widespread bacterial disease that affects dogs, wild rodents and other species and is often transmitted in water as infected animals can shed bacteria in their urine for years. It is also a disease that can be passed to humans so it is vital that dogs are vaccinated yearly. The new vaccination will target the new strains to protect your dog, but during the change over they will require an extra free injection to give them full protection. Do ask your vet if you require more information.



AMBULANCE SERVICE

Our new ambulance will be available for deliveries weekly to the local area, for home visits by the vet, nurse appointments at home and a collection service on the morning of your pets operation.

For more information on cost or to book your appointment please telephone the surgery.

