

Our Surgeries

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Autumn is on its way, bringing potential challenges for our pets.

FIREWORKS

Many pets find the sight and sound of fireworks frightening. There are many steps that can be taken to reduce stress, including calming supplements, creating dens and, if necessary, anti-anxiety medication. For more information visit our website or give the surgery a ring. Do this well in advance!



FLEAS

Unfortunately the cooler weather doesn't deter these itchy pests as they love it when the central heating

Autumn issues

comes on. Luckily there are many available treatments in spot-on, collar and now tablet form for both dogs and cats. **Our nurses are happy to discuss the best flea treatment for your household.**



HARVEST MITES

These are active in long grass at this time of year, attaching to passing animals and congregating on the ears, eyelids, feet and underside of the abdomen. They look like tiny orange dots and are usually a great source of irritation. Treatments are available, do contact us.

MYXOMATOSIS

Fleas and mosquitoes carry this fatal rabbit disease very readily at this time of year so do make sure you keep your rabbits up to date with their yearly vaccine.

POISONING

Be wary of leaving antifreeze about at this time of year as it is very palatable, but if drunk will result in kidney failure and death. Autumn fruits and nuts such as acorns and conkers can also result in poorly pets and ingestion is definitely best avoided.



BE SEEN

Don't forget your reflective gear on those early and late dark walks!

PHOTO OF THE MONTH COMPETITION

We are currently running a 'Photo of the Month' competition. Send your pictures of your pets to:

Lymsurg@forestlodgevets.com

and each month a winner will be chosen to star on the front page of our website for the month and on our facebook banner. Don't forget to tell us who you are! To see the other entries visit our facebook page.



Our September winner is Nibbler the rabbit, taken by Charlotte Bates.

PHONE SYSTEMS



Don't forget you can press 1 when you hear the welcome message to go straight to reception when you are in a hurry.



AGE RELATED PROBLEMS IN CATS

Ageing is a natural process and these days cats are living longer than they used to. In general, older cats are more sedentary, less energetic, often less curious, and more restricted in their scope of activity. They adjust slowly to changes in diet, activity, and routine and are less tolerant of extremes of heat and cold. They seek out warm spots and sleep longer. When disturbed, they can be cranky and irritable. Most of these behaviour changes are because of physical ailments, diminished hearing and smell, stiffness, and muscular weakness-that restrict a cat's activity and ability to participate in family life. Regular check ups and blood tests can pick up on physical problems such as dental disease, kidney disease and hyperthyroidism. However sometimes there are problems we can't see or easily test for. Cats are quite stoical creatures and

so they don't often show many signs of pain and discomfort. Arthritis (Degenerative joint disease) is common in older cats but not so obvious as it is in dogs. Most arthritic cats don't become overtly lame, they may have difficulty gaining access to litter trays and food bowls, particularly if they have to jump or climb to get to them and may have trouble grooming themselves, resulting in a dull, sometimes matted coat. Treatments such as anti-inflammatory drops, supplements and acupuncture can make life more comfortable.

and avoid social contact. Some cats will pace, sleep less at night, or walk around crying as if they are lost. Disorientation may be evident in up to 40 percent of cats from 16 to 20 years of age. However, there are treatments available that can help to reduce these symptoms and make life less stressful for both you and your cat.

If you are worried about changes in behaviour in your cat then don't hesitate to book an appointment for a health check.

Cognitive dysfunction syndrome has become a well-known syndrome in geriatric dogs. A similar condition is seen in some older cats. Just as in some older people, the older cat may have memory problems, forget behaviours such as how to use the litter box, lose some awareness of their surroundings



Lyme disease is the most

common vector-borne disease in Europe, with an increase of more than 300% in the number of reported human cases in the UK since 2011. It is also common in dogs, particularly those that live near, or often visit tick-infested areas, such as the New Forest. Dogs infected with Lyme disease can sometimes show no symptoms at all, but clinical signs can include **recurrent lameness** due to inflammation of the joints, a **lack of appetite and depression**. A

NEW LYME DISEASE VACCINE FOR DOGS

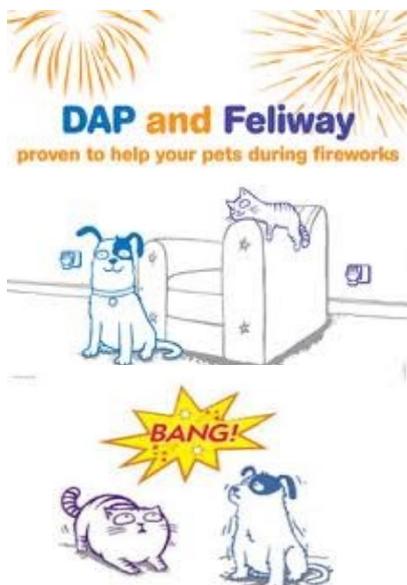
small number of infected dogs may also develop kidney problems and, in rare cases, heart or nervous system disease.

A new vaccine induces high levels of antibodies against a key bacterial antigen, which are ingested by the tick during blood feeding and subsequently bind to the bacteria in the tick gut, reducing the risk of transmission from the tick to the dog.

The new vaccine can be administered to puppies from 12 weeks old, with

a primary vaccination course of two injections, three weeks apart, followed by a booster every year, but the injections need to be given at least 2 weeks before or after other routine vaccines.

We still however recommend regular tick protection and removal when seen.



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