



Disease Watch

Pyometra. We are currently seeing a few cases of pyometra, which is an infection of the womb of an entire female dog. These can affect entire bitches of any age and causes excessive drinking and lethargy. The best treatment is emergency surgery, but this is expensive and carries risks. This condition can be prevented by neutering. If you have an entire bitch please talk to us about neutering, especially if they are having false pregnancies as this is a risk factor.

Arthritis. Many of our older cats and dogs suffer from arthritis. This causes pain and stiffness especially on rising after rest. Although Arthritis cannot be reversed there are things we can do to help. Adding in supplements and pain relief, and ensuring gentle regular exercise can be of great benefit. If you think your pet is suffering from arthritis please speak to us for advice on the best tailored treatment for your pet.

What's new?

Last year we had 83 missed appointments. The majority of these were second vaccinations and check-ups, but there were also animals not presented for operation slots. Unfortunately this has an impact on our service as these consult and operation slots could have been used by someone else. This has resulted in us coming to the decision of applying a consult charge for repeated missed appointment slots.

In Focus – Canine Health Schemes

Canine Health Schemes are an initiative to improve dog health and welfare by screening for debilitating inherited diseases, which have the potential to shorten life. Examples of these diseases include hip and elbow dysplasia and hereditary eye disease.

These schemes are not just for pedigree dogs, but also crossbreeds, as they can also suffer from inherited diseases. Both parents of any puppy should have had the relevant screening tests prior to breeding, and it is important to ask to see these when purchasing any puppy, pedigree or crossbreed, to ensure your dog is not from high risk parents and therefore is as healthy as possible.

Even if you are not planning to breed your dog, getting the relevant breed screening tests done will help manage your dog's health throughout its life.

A list of the most common conditions for specific breeds can be found at <http://www.dogbreedhealth.com/list-of-dog-breeds>

If you would like more information please speak to us.

Case Corner

Meet Bilbo, a lovely chap who was brought to us after he was unfortunately involved in a road accident.

When he arrived, Bilbo had severe damage to one of his eyes and his tail. He had also split open the roof of his mouth, which meant he was unable to eat. He required a feeding tube for a couple of weeks to allow us to make sure he was getting the nutrition he needed, whilst allowing his mouth to heal. His eyelid on the affected eye had to be stitched shut to prevent further damage, and the end of his tail was amputated.



Over many weeks we started to see Bilbo going from strength to strength - always purring when we came to examine him! We were delighted to remove his feeding tube, and hear he was eating well at home after his mouth healed fully.

Recently we had Bilbo back for his last post op check, and we are thrilled to say he is looking brilliant! It was lovely to see that everyone's hard work had been rewarded. We are so pleased for Bilbo and his family. What a lucky boy!