



Disease Watch

Ticks. Ticks are parasites picked up by pets when they are outside, particularly in areas where sheep and deer graze. Often they attach between the back legs or behind the ears. Ticks can carry diseases such as Lyme disease, which can also affect humans.

The best way to protect our pets from ticks and the diseases they carry, is to maintain continuous treatment for ticks which kills ticks quickly, before they can pass on disease. Speak to your vet about the best product to use for maximum protection.

Heat Stroke. During hot days our animals can readily overheat. Heatstroke is an emergency and needs immediate treatment.

To prevent heatstroke, make sure that cool water is always available and provide shade wherever possible.

Walk dogs early or late in the day, keeping walks short and slow. Do not walk dogs on hot pavements and never leave your dog alone in the car, dogs die in

What's new?

We have recently added a third consult room to our practice with an addition of a new ultrasound scanner. We hope this will continue to improve our service to our clients.

Also ask about our range of Virbac food. This is a high quality food designed to promote good health. We are happy to provide free samples and loyalty discounts apply.

In Focus – Healthy Hearts

Heart conditions in pets are most common in older pets and are often picked up at routine health checks, such as vaccinations. However, they can affect younger animals too, so it is important to have a yearly check-up.

In many cases the heart condition presents as a murmur, an extra heart sound, heard when the vet listens to your pet's heart. The advice when a heart condition is found will vary depending on what other signs may be present. In order for a heart condition to be diagnosed so it can be properly managed and treated, further investigation, such as a cardiac scan, must be done.

Signs that your pet may be struggling with their heart include becoming breathless when exercising, coughing or breathing difficulties. If your pet is displaying any of these signs, please speak to us.

Once a heart condition is diagnosed your pet may be started on heart medication and require more regular check-ups. If your pet is already on heart medication speak to us about our heart scans.

Case Corner

This is Ella.
Ella is a Border Collie.

Ella's owner noticed she was becoming a bit slow eating her food.

On closer examination it became apparent that Ella had developed a hole in her tooth. Left alone this would have become infected and the tooth would completely discolour and die. And obviously it was causing Ella some discomfort already!

Ella's owner agreed to having the tooth removed. The tooth that was affected was one of the large carnassial teeth towards the back of the mouth and has three roots. Each root has to be removed separately, so it can be quite a tricky procedure. The procedure went well and Ella had a scale and polish of her other teeth to keep them in their best condition.



After recovering from the anaesthetic and procedure, Ella's gums have healed really well and she is back enjoying life again.