

Feline Healthcare Guide



Vaccinations are an essential part of your cats' healthy lifestyle. They stop many preventable illnesses including; leukaemia, viral cat flu and feline enteritis. It is important that following the initial course, annual boosters are maintained EVERY year.

Flea control is essential throughout your pet's life. Flea treatment comes in the form of liquid pipettes and should be used monthly to prevent flea infestation. Avoid products such as flea collars/flea powders etc. Pet shop/supermarket treatments are cheap, but not always effective. Only ever use flea treatment designed for the species you're using it on (never use dog flea treatments on a cat, as they are toxic).

Worm treatment is recommended every month for kittens up to the age of 6 months, and then every 3 months for the rest of their life. If your cute kitty does turn into a hunter we would recommend worming more frequently! Worming treatment comes in the form of both tablets and liquid pipettes. 'Drontal Cat' or 'Milbemax'.

Nutrition is vitally important. Your pet should be fed a good quality COMPLETE kitten food to the age of approx 1 year or until they are neutered. The veterinary nurses are able to advise on the best diet for your cat at each stage of its' life. Dry food is recommended as it is beneficial for dental care, helping to keep the teeth clean, is more cost effective and can be left out longer than wet food.

Insurance Unexpected vets bills can be a shock when your pet gets ill or has an accident. We therefore recommend insuring your pet with a reputable insurance company. You must get a **LIFE** policy and avoid 12-monthly or maximum benefit policies. These are cheaper, but you won't receive as much cover as a life policy. We recommend Pet Plan insurance policies.

Microchip is a permanent implant that is placed under the skin of your pet. It contains a unique number which is registered to a national database. There is a one off payment for the microchip, giving your pet a lifetime of identification. This will enable your pet to be safely reunited with yourselves should it go missing.

Neutering is essential and prevents a range of potential health problems developing later in life. It is the kindest and most responsible act you can do for your pet. The benefits include: prevent roaming/straying to find a mate, reduce unwanted litters, prevent medical problems such a testicular tumours/mammary or uterine cancers and life threatening conditions such a 'Pyometra' in females. It is a routine procedure which is carried out from 5 months of age in cats.