



NEWSLETTER

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OPENING HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday
and Friday 9am to 7pm with

consulting hours 9am to
11am and 4pm to 7pm

Wednesday 9 to 11am

Saturday 1pm – 4pm

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020 8845 5677

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**FOR MORE
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AT RECEPTION OR
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**WE ALWAYS WELCOME
FEEDBACK ABOUT THE
SERVICE PROVIDED, AND
WOULD ASK OUR CLIENTS
TO TAKE A MINUTE TO
LEAVE A COMMENT ON
OUR WEBSITE!**

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THANK YOU

TICKS AND BABESIA



You may have seen in the news about babesia, a tick borne disease which has been seen in parts of Essex. We have not seen it in this area yet and ticks are not very common, but if you are concerned, you can order a tick collar which can be used with the spot on flea and lungworm products and lasts for up to 8 months. There are leaflets in the waiting room explaining all about this disease, so please ask at Reception if you would like more information or would like to order a collar.

APRIL'S CALENDAR BOY
'COOPER' THE BIRMAN
CAT!

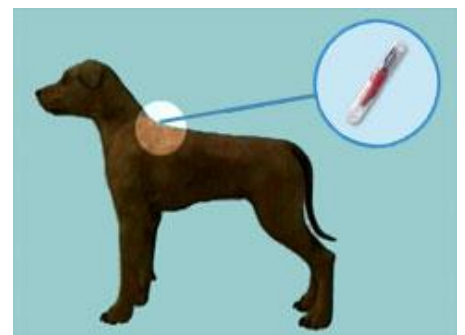


LOOKING HANDSOME!



IT'S A HARD LIFE BEING SO
BEAUTIFUL!

IS YOUR DOG
MICROCHIPPED YET?



It is now a legal
requirement!

Email your pet's photo to:
wembley@goddardvetgroup.co.uk

URINARY TRACT DISEASE

Urinary problems are quite common, particularly in cats. The most common problem is cystitis, which is inflammation of the bladder. This can be caused by bacterial infection, stress, or urinary crystals or stones which form in the bladder.



SYMPTOMS OF CYSTITIS

- Frequent urination (often small amounts at a time)
- Straining to urinate
- Blood in Urine
- Licking urogenital area
- Discomfort
- Spraying or urination in the house
- Behavioural changes

IS CYSTITIS AN EMERGENCY?

In females, it is usually classed as fairly urgent but not an emergency. It does cause some discomfort, so treatment is advisable as soon as possible.

In males, it is potentially an emergency. If a male dog or cat is showing symptoms of cystitis but passing a good amount of urine, then

it is not so urgent, but if they are straining and not passing urine, then it could be that they are blocked and need urgent attention!

DIAGNOSIS

A diagnosis is usually based upon the presenting symptoms. The Vet will examine your pet's abdomen to ensure that the bladder is not full, or may press gently to ensure that there is no blockage. A urine sample will usually be required, and sometimes a blood test to rule out other causes.

URINE SAMPLE COLLECTION!



Sometimes the Vet will be able to express the bladder manually and collect a sample into a kidney bowl. If this is not possible, then you may need to collect a sample using non absorbable cat litter. For dogs, you will normally be given a collection device which can be placed under the dog when toileting. Both the litter and the collection device come with a sample pot. In some cases, the Vet may want a sterile sample. A sample can often be taken from the bladder using a syringe and needle, but this will only be attempted if the pet is cooperative and only

if the bladder is fairly full. If it is deemed too risky, then the Vet will recommend sedation.

The urine test will usually involve a dipstick to check for blood, white cells, glucose, pH etc.. , a test known as specific gravity, which tests the dilution, and it is usually checked under the microscope for bacteria, abnormal cells, and crystals. Sometimes, it will be sent off to check which bacteria are present and which antibiotic is likely to be effective.

TREATMENT

Medical treatment usually involves anti-inflammatory medication and a capsule which helps to restore the normal bladder lining. As cystitis is often associated with stress, it is also important to try and alleviate possible causes of stress. Feliway or DAP, which are natural pheromones used to relax your pet at stressful times, may also be advised.



Antibiotics may be given if it is thought to be an infection. Your pet should be encouraged to drink and cats must have access to a clean tray at all times. In the case of persistent problems, Xray or ultrasound may be indicated.

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