





## Royal Canin

If you are planning on or have already neutered your cat, an important consideration should be a change in their feeding regime. Neutering can cause a decrease in their activity level and this can turn to weight gain if your cat continues to be fed the same amount of food or kitten food. Neutered pets can require a calorie reduction of up to 24%.

This is due to the body no longer requiring energy for reproduction, instead this can start to be stored as body fat. We recommend Royal Canin and their new Neutered Satiety Balance food. If you would like feeding advice or are currently feeding the Young Male/Young Female Royal Canin food and would like to change to the updated version, please speak to one of our team.

Our veterinary nurses are happy to help you calculate the required amount for your pets and help advise you accordingly.

### Our 'Golden Oldies' get aches and pains too!



As the cold weather approaches, our aches and pains can come back to haunt us. The same happens to our golden oldie pets too!

Older pets often slow down due to discomfort. This is not an inevitable part of growing old and if you have concerns about your elderly pets please talk to us about these worries.

A general check-up is always a good idea and this can be discussed at your pet's annual vaccination or at their free 6 month health check with the vet if they are a Pet Healthcare Plan member. Prescription medication may not be necessary straight away as there are lots of supportive measures that we can advise about, ranging from glucosamine and chondroitin nutraceuticals, laser therapy, acupuncture or maybe just other accessory treatment like weight loss. Please ask us for information.





Did you know we run a monthly 'Star Pet of the Month' photo competition?

All pets can enter, just post them on our Facebook page with #starpetofthemonth and tell us a bit about them.

Make sure you submit your entry by the 15th of each month and the winner will be announced at the beginning of the following month.









#### Welcome!

We would like to welcome our new team members to Cinque Ports Vets. Veterinary Nurse Hannah Mitchell RVN has joined our Hawkhurst team and vets Izzie De Rosa and Jay Dave have joined our Kingsnorth team.

We have sadly had to say goodbye to Abigail Waddington who is emigrating to Australia and Yohann Glennie who is moving to Holland with his family.

#### Pet Smile Month-How Healthy is your Pet's Mouth?







Did you know that gum disease is one of the most common conditions seen in dogs and cats?

A healthy mouth usually has pale pink gums and bright white teeth. However problems will occur if plaque and tartar are allowed to build up on your pet's teeth. Plaque is naturally sticky and is composed of millions of bacteria which, over time, will lead to inflammation of the gums-a condition called gingivitis.

This is frequently accompanied by the accumulation of calculus (tartar) on the surface of the teeth and very bad breath! Worse still, if left unchecked, this process can result in severe gum disease, dental pain and eventually tooth loss.

Don't let toothache ruin your pet's life-please let us advise you on caring for your pet's teeth and gums and how to prevent dental problems. We offer free dental checks all year round but September will be Pet Smile Month. To celebrate this come along to a free dental check and receive a free goody bag for your pet! We are also offering discounts on dental products and procedures.

Contact your local branch to book a free dental check.



#### Remember, Remember the 5th of November!

Although we are still enjoying the last of the summer time, now is a great time to think about preparing your pet for the firework season. There are many things you can do to help your pets cope with this stressful time. Planning ahead is important especially if you are considering using pheromone therapy. Check our website for more top tips or come and speak to us for advice.

## Now includes Puppy & Kitten Vaccinations & Free Insurance Form Completion



Now includes puppy and kitten vaccination course. Immediate sign up available Our Pet Healthcare Plan enables you to pay monthly for preventative veterinary treatments. We all want to use the best products available for our pets and at Cinque Ports Vets we want to make preventative healthcare easy and affordable, to help give you and your pets the best care possible.

With our Healthcare Plan you will be able to spread the cost of your preventative treatments for example vaccination and worming as well as receiving discounts on other products and services available at your local branch.

We have recently included puppy and kitten vaccinations in the plan and immediate sign up is available making our plan even better value!

# First Aid Kits Just £7



All our branches stock a Pet First Aid Kit for £7.00 which contains various bandaging items for cut paws and advice to assist you until you can reach the vet.



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