

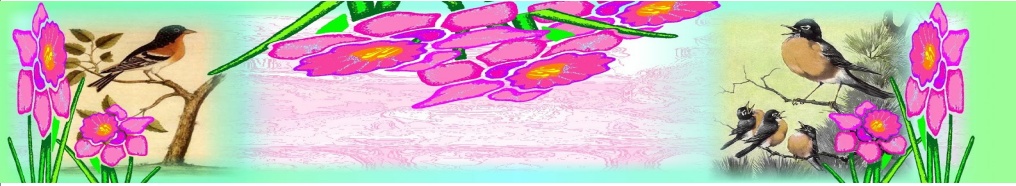


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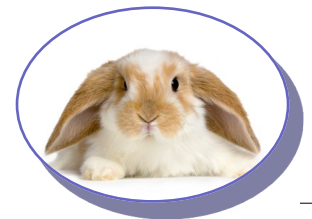


Caring for your rabbit

With the onset of warmer weather, we look at some tips for keeping your pet rabbit fit and healthy!

Protection from fleas— As the weather warms up, fleas can be annoying for humans, but for rabbits they can be deadly. Flies are attracted to rabbits. If the rabbits have soiled bottoms, the flies will lay their eggs. These rapidly hatch out into flesh-eating maggots, which can be very painful and fatal, if left untreated. Make sure your rabbit's hutch is cleaned out daily and check your rabbit's bottom every day to make sure it is clean—Call us immediately, if you are worried.

Make sure your rabbit is vaccinated—Just like cats and dogs, rabbits need to be vaccinated to protect them against two potentially deadly diseases—Myxomatosis and Viral Haemorrhagic Disease. Contact reception for further information.



- Banchory: 01 330 822648
- Bieldside: 01224 861161
- Kingswells: 01224 749191
- Millburn: 01224 588770
- Rubislaw: 01224 311555
- Westhill: 01224 741685

SSPCA DRUMOAK

Town & Country Veterinary Group is delighted that the SSPCA has chosen us to look after the animals at their rehoming centre in Drumoak.

Pollen can affect your pets

We are approaching the time of year temperatures start to rise and so does the pollen count. If you are a hay fever sufferer or know one you will understand how irritating it can be, but not only do humans suffer but your pets can be affected too.



It can be difficult to establish if your pet is suffering from the symptoms and not feeling uncomfortable with the increase in temperature. The main symptoms are itchy skin, rashes, paw chewing, excessive scratching, head shaking, smelly ears or skin and hair loss. There are steps that can be taken to lessen the suffering such as your pet being kept well groomed, regular brushing and weekly baths can help remove any pollen clinging to their fur. Each time your pet is outside wipe their paws and faces when they go indoors. Also important is to clean bedding or any surfaces your pet has regular contact with.

If your pet suffers or you suspect your pet is suffering from any allergies contact reception for further information.

Is your pet Microchipped?

From April 2016 microchipping of dogs will become compulsory in England, Scotland and Wales. It's a sad fact that hundreds of pets go missing every day and many are never reunited with their owners for one simple reason, tragically, they cannot be reliably identified.

However, the good news is that, in addition to the traditional collar and engraved tag (which doesn't always stay in place), you can now have your pet permanently identified with a tiny microchip, giving you the best chance of being re-united with your pet, should they go missing.

A range of pets can be Microchipped including dogs, cats, small pets, and birds. A microchip is hardly bigger than a grain of rice and having it implanted is quick and simple. Like a normal injection, it is inserted under the skin at the back of the neck and once there, it lasts a lifetime. Each microchip carries a unique code which, together with information about your pet and your contact details, are held on a central computer database. Should your pet go missing, when found, the chip can be read using a hand held scanner. Veterinary practices, the police and animal welfare organisations routinely scan all strays,

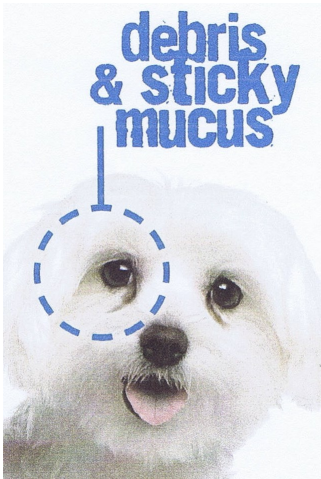
hopefully ensuring that if the unthinkable happens, you and your pet can be speedily reunited. So don't take any chances! Get your pet Microchipped today.

*****Special Offer*****

MICROCHIPPING REDUCED TO £17.50 from 01st MARCH to 31st MARCH 2016

The Importance of tears

Dry eye is a condition where there is a reduced or lack of tears being produced. Tears are needed to help lubricate eye lid movements as well as providing oxygen and nutrients to the eye. Healthy eyes should be bright, clear and free from any excessive tears. If your pet shows any of the following signs—dull and sticky eyes, mucus discharge, reddening of the white part of the eye or even the membranes around their eyes please bring



them in for a check up, Conjunctivitis is a common problem but a more serious condition is dry eye. A simple test to assess tear production will confirm if your pet has dry eye and the good news is it is treatable. Usually medication will be in the form of an ointment and this can help improve the production of tears, maintains vision and keeps your pet comfortable. If dry eye is left untreated the area will become more inflamed which can be painful for your pet and lead to them rubbing their face which could cause more problems or ultimately the loss of vision.

Staff update

Shirley Allan, Practice Administrator, after 23 years service has recently departed the Town and Country Veterinary group to pastures new. We wish her all the best for the future and she will be greatly missed by all. We have recruited Sarah McLean as Human Resources Manager based at our Kingswells practice and Sheila Anderson has joined our Rubislaw practice as Office Administrator.

Easter Fun

Easter egg hunts, Easter baskets full of sweet treats and flowers starting to blossom. Fun for all the family but remember your pets, all these treats are potentially dangerous to them.

Chocolate—contains theobromine which is poisonous to cats and dogs. White chocolate has very little, milk chocolate has higher amounts of theobromine but dark chocolate is the highest. If your pet consumes chocolate please contact us as soon as possible.

Hot Cross Buns—Raisins along with other dried fruits and grapes are highly toxic and can cause renal failure. Symptoms usually develop 1-2 days after consumption and include lethargy, sickness, diarrhoea, increased thirst and lack of appetite.

Flowers—Lilies, daffodils and spring bulbs are common in Spring. Cats in particular are attracted to flowers. If your pet has excessive salivation, sickness, or diarrhoea please contact us immediately.

Take care this Easter



HAPPY EASTER

Our very own Premier Health Plan

Town & Country Veterinary Group Premier Health Plan.

Depending on the breed and size of your pet, you pay a regular, monthly payment by direct debit. This covers the cost of the annual vaccination, a six monthly health check, a year's supply of wormer and flea treatment, and up to 15% discount off the cost of some other services and products.

This Health Plan is greatly discounted, amounting to a huge saving over the year and is open to existing and new clients. If you would like any further information please contact us at

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