



Newsletter

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Welcome

Welcome to the Rutland and Kings newsletter. We hope you enjoy reading more about what the team get up to and hopefully find the content to be interesting and informative. As always we welcome any feedback or suggestions for future issues.

Melton Update

We are opening on the 11th May!

**📍 Norman Way, Snow Hill,
Melton Mowbray, LE13 1JE**

We can not wait to welcome everyone to explore our purpose built hospital. Our team has been working tirelessly to ensure that the new hospital is equipped with the latest technology and designed with your pets comfort in mind. We hope these images give you a good feel for what the space will look like. Stay tuned for more updates as we get closer to the big day. Keep an eye out as we will be holding an open day closer to the opening. We look forward to seeing you there!



Dental Month!

February was Dental Awareness Month and we had boards up in each practice providing more information on your pets dental health as well as our vets discussing the importance of preventative dental care.

Maintaining your pet's dental health is crucial for their overall well-being, as dental disease in dogs, cats, and rabbits can lead to bad breath, eating difficulties, gum infections, and systemic health issues affecting the liver, kidneys, and heart.

Prevention is preferred over treatment. We perform dental checks during routine exams and provide products and dietary guidance for maintaining dental health. Despite home care, dental issues may still arise, necessitating procedures for reasons like:

- Diseased teeth causing pain and infection
- Significant tartar buildup leading to periodontal disease
- Gingivitis from autoimmune conditions
- Foreign objects lodged in tissues

Scale and Polish Procedures

Scale and polish procedures are a great way for us to prevent dental issues in our pets. Under anesthesia, a comprehensive dental examination is performed and healthy teeth are cleaned using an ultrasonic scaler to remove tartar, followed by polishing. This helps improve your pets health by:

- eliminating plaque and tartar, preventing dental decay and combating bad breath
- reducing bacterial load that can affect vital organs
- alleviating painful dental issues

The before and after pictures to the right show the incredible improvements a scale and polish procedure can make.

Contact the team if you would like to book in a dental check for your pet!



Postage Service



Exciting News: Our New Postage Service is Here!

We are thrilled to announce that our new postage service is now operational for our Lifetime Care Club clients!

For just £16 a year, we will deliver your pet's parasite treatment every three months in a sturdy, branded box that includes printed instructions and contact details. Plus, we'll even add a delicious treat for your furry friend!

Stay tuned, as we will soon be expanding this service to all clients!

Spring dangers!

As temperatures rise, flowers begin to bloom, and wildlife becomes more lively, it's crucial to keep in mind that this seasonal transition also introduces certain risks. From poisonous plants and parasites to alterations in your pet's routine, spring may necessitate some changes. Here are some key points to monitor to ensure your pets remain healthy and content during this season.

Parasites

As the weather warms and animal activity rises, parasites such as fleas, ticks, and worms become more common in the spring.

It is really important to inspect your dog after walks and your cat after outdoor adventures to check for any parasites.

We recommend the use of preventative parasite treatment all year. Keep a tick removal tool handy though, just in case.

We are happy to help you in choosing the best flea and tick prevention methods for your pets so feel free to book a review or send in any questions you may have.



Remember: Pets on our [Lifetime Care Club](#) can save up to 70%* on the cost of their pets preventative healthcare

*correct based on prices at time of printing

Allergies

Like us, pets can suffer from seasonal allergies due to pollen and plants. While certain types of human allergy medications can be used for pets, it's essential to book an appointment with one of our vets before giving anything, as reactions can vary greatly between species.

Plants

Some common springtime plants can be dangerous to your pets - even if they don't eat them directly. In some cases, just licking pollen off their paws or fur can cause a reaction. The bulbs of many plants are particularly toxic. Avoid bringing these cut plants indoors to protect your pet.

Common spring plants that can harm pets:

- **Daffodils** – can cause stomach upsets, tremors, or heart problems
- **Tulips** – often lead to vomiting and excessive drooling
- **Bluebells** – may cause stomach irritation or upset
- **Foxglove** – highly toxic; can result in nausea, vomiting, or diarrhoea
- **Azaleas** and rhododendrons – even small amounts can cause vomiting, diarrhoea, and potentially heart failure
- **Lilies** – extremely toxic to cats. Just brushing against the pollen or drinking water from a vase can lead to kidney failure. If you have cats we strongly recommended to avoid lilies in bouquets or houseplants altogether.

If you suspect your pet has been poisoned by a plant or other substance, call us immediately!



Livestock

Sheep worrying occurs when a dog attacks, chases, or is at large (not on a lead or under close control) among livestock. Penalties can include fines, compensation claims, and in severe cases, imprisonment.

Always keep dogs on a lead in areas where livestock may be present, even if the dog is well trained.



Easter

Spring means that Easter is round the corner, and more chocolate is likely to be around the house. Chocolate is toxic to both cats and dogs and can be fatal if ingested. Be sure to keep all sweets out of your pet's reach.

Spring cleaning

Many household cleaning products contain chemicals that can be harmful to pets if ingested or if they come into contact with their skin. Bleach, polishes, disinfectants, and certain essential oils can lead to issues ranging from irritation to severe health problems. Opt for pet-safe alternatives and ensure that pets are kept away from freshly cleaned surfaces until they have dried and aired out.

Easter Opening hours

We hope you won't need to visit us over the Easter period with your poorly pets, but if you do, we are here. Contact us as normal using the details at the bottom of this page.

Opening hours over Easter:

- Good Friday, 3rd April – emergencies only*
Saturday, 4th April – OPEN 8:30am-12pm Uppingham and Melton ONLY
Easter Sunday, 5th April – emergencies only*
Easter Monday, 6th April – emergencies only*

*We provide a full 24 hour out of hours vet service for our registered clients. This is operated by our own emergency vets. Please call the practice before attending. For more information on our out of hours provision, please click the links on the right.



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- Year round flea and worming*
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- Discounts on consultations, selected procedures, long term medications, food and pet shop products
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*Dogs and cats only

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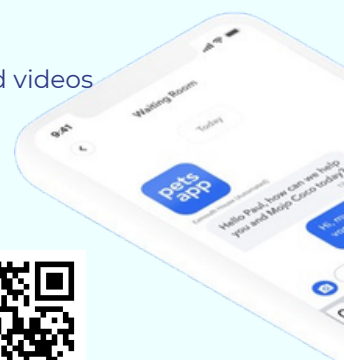
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