



Hunters Lodge

Veterinary Practice

Dental Disease – A hidden problem



Just like us, cats and dogs commonly get problems with their teeth. We brush our teeth twice a day and we are still

advised to see the dentist every 6 months for a scale and polish. If the plaque builds up on the teeth it forms tartar which is like concrete on the teeth and very difficult to remove. You may notice your pet has bad breath. Eventually the tartar will become so thick that the gums will be pushed away from the tooth

exposing the roots and then teeth will need to be removed. The good news is there is plenty that can be done to prevent it getting to this stage. There are lots of chews on

the market which may help a bit but there is nothing better than brushing the teeth to mechanically remove the build up. Dogs are usually quite happy with this if it is introduced slowly as they like the chicken flavour toothpaste! Cats are usually less keen. Cats also have a common problem where they

develop holes in their teeth so brushing may be even less of an option for these cases. If brushing is

no longer enough then your pet will benefit from have a dental procedure. This may mean a descale and polish, or it may mean

having some teeth out. Everyone knows that toothache is a miserable thing and it affects your whole being and it is the same for our pets. We often find that after a pet has had their teeth attended to, they are much happier animals. We have known cats that have become lap cats whereas they never were before and dogs that suddenly seem much more active and happy. **Remember that just because your pet is eating doesn't mean they don't have dental disease.**



They have no choice and just have to get on and eat despite having mouth pain. If you notice that your pet's breath is not as sweet as it once was, come in and get a dental check.

Puppy and Kitten packages

All the following are included:

1) Vaccination course with full 12 point health check. This includes 2 vaccines 2-3 weeks apart.

2) Puppy or Kitten pack. This pack has lots of information for you to read in your leisure. There are also vouchers for discounts off our food. Every little helps!

3) Free flea and worming treatment for one month.

We use one of the most effective and safest treatments on the market. **4) Puppy party – We just love our puppy parties, they are such a lot of fun.** We run them for pups from 8 weeks of age that have had their first vaccination. The pups come to 2 parties a week apart and they are complementary to the package.

5) Free 4 and 5 month weight check with our nurses. This is a great opportunity to check your puppy or kitten is getting the right

amount of food and is growing properly.

6) Free 6 month check with the vet. We can chat to you about any concerns you may have. Information on neutering, feeding and check your pet's development.

Having a new puppy or kitten can be a daunting prospect as there is a lot to learn. This package gives you plenty of contact with the vet or nurses for support and advice.



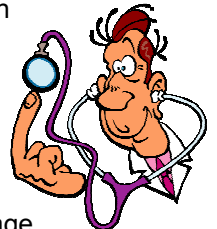
Heart Disease

Just like us, cats and dogs get dicky tickers. The signs can be hard to spot and quite often pets are brought in to see us with

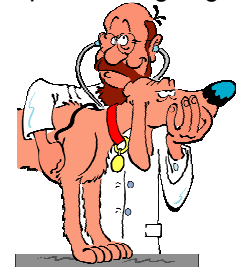


quite advanced problems. Heart problems can

happen at any age, some animals can be born with a defect but most develop as the animal gets older. The first sign of a heart problem is usually the pet becoming less active. With dogs you may notice they are a bit slower on walks or become breathless with a small amount of exercise. With cats this can be more difficult to see. The next sign that is easier to pick up is coughing. This is more



obvious in dogs that cats. With cats you may notice they are making more effort in breathing when at rest.



The good news is there is plenty we can do to treat heart disease. If we think a pet may

have a heart problem the first step is a chest x ray. Here we can look at



the size of the heart and the lungs. If the heart has a problem with the rhythm we

can do a heart trace. Ultrasound can also be extremely useful in some cases. Once we know what the problem is we can give your pet some medication. Quite often the effects can be quite striking and your pet can be given a new lease of life. In a lot of cases heart failure has been coming on for some time and so the patient has been slowing up over a period of months. The owner quite often thinks the cat or dog is just "getting on a bit" and is very pleased with the improvement once the treatment has been started.

Nurse clinics

We are now running nurse clinics from Wednesday to Friday 2.30 pm to 4pm at Ewhurst. Monday, Wednesday and Friday 2-3 pm at Guildford. Clinics include:

Free Weight Watchers:



These clinics are very helpful for any pet trying to lose weight.

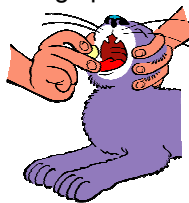
Your pet has a weigh in and then our nurse

can set a target weight and explain how to reach it. These clinics are the best way to get good results

Free Dental Checks: If you think your pet may have a problem with their teeth our nurses can advise you

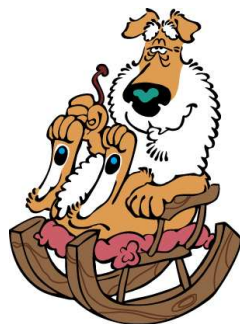
on the most suitable treatment. If your pet has already had a dental they can show you how to keep their newly cleaned teeth pearly white!

Worming Club: Having problems getting that worming tablet into your cat or applying the flea treatment? If so, let our nurses do it for you. They have had plenty of practice. This is a free service with any of our flea or worming products.



After 8 Club: If your pet is over 8 years of age come and see our

nurse for a check up. Bring a urine sample from your pet and we can do a screen for kidney problems and diabetes. Our nurses can also talk to you



about the best diet for your pet.

Diabetic clinics: If your pet has been diagnosed with diabetes our nurses are on hand for support and blood glucose checks.



Claw Clipping

Let our nurses take the stress out of a much needed pedicure!

Microchipping: one of the best things you can do for your pet to have the greatest chance of getting them back safe and sound if they are lost.

We have a lovely team of nurses. Come and meet them and take advantage of their knowledge and expertise.

Practice News

Open Day

If you have ever fancied having a little look behind the scenes, we are putting on an open day at our Ewhurst Practice on the **1st of July**. Come and meet the team and we'll give you a tour around our theatre, prep room, kennels and lab. There will also be some demos to show you what we get up to! As it is Jubilee year we thought we would put up a bit of bunting and have some afternoon tea and cake. The practice will be open from 11am to 3pm and we would love to see you.

Recommend us to a friend and as a thank you receive £15 off your next visit.

This is how it works - pick up some vouchers from reception and write your name and address on the back. When your friend comes in for their first visit they will get 20% off and you will get £15 credited to your account per new customer. So the more people that come in, the more you get back to spend on any treatments, products or food.

Puppy Parties

Puppy parties are going strong. We have been running them since September and they have proved to be a great success. The most rewarding thing is seeing how the pups come back to practice on other occasions. They can't wait to get through the door! It's a great formative experience for your puppy. Take a look at the puppy party movie on our website.



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About Us

Hunters Lodge is a well-established, independent mixed practice offering a high quality service for all small animals, farm animals and horses.

We understand that clients appreciate continuity of care and always endeavour to arrange an appointment with the vet you request. Our team consists of three veterinary surgeons and five veterinary nurses who aim to provide a caring and individual service to achieve the needs of you and your pet.

We have two fully equipped practices in Guildford and Ewhurst where we can perform all routine and more involved surgical operations.

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