

The importance of vaccination

Immunity given by the puppy vaccination course fades over time and needs to be topped up. Annual booster vaccinations can ensure that your dog remains immune to preventable fatal diseases, protecting your pet's health and giving you piece of mind.

The importance of veterinary examinations

The health check given at the time of vaccination is perhaps the single most important preventative health measure your pet can get. **It is our best chance of catching early signs of disease or other problems. Early treatment is not only better for your pet but is more successful and less costly than treating long-term problems**

Contacting us

Please do not hesitate to speak to one of our vets or nurses should you have further questions.

We can be contacted at the surgery on 01539 721344 during the times below.

Appointments

Please call **01539 721344** to book a consultation during our opening hours.

Monday to Friday

9.00 am – 7.30 pm

Saturday

9.00 am - 12.30 pm

Out of hours emergencies

Emergencies are always seen, telephones are redirected to the duty vet out of hours.

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**Your dog's
health check
& vaccinations**

Annual health check

The complementary health check with annual vaccinations is extremely valuable in detecting and treating health concerns early before they become more complicated and costly to treat.



Some dogs are very good at hiding pain and it can be difficult for even the most experienced pet owners to tell

when their pet is starting to be unwell. Regular veterinary examinations are recommended to help detect conditions or abnormalities which could otherwise be missed.

The vet will examine your pet thoroughly checking eyes, ears, teeth and skin. The vet will listen to your dog's heart and lungs, and feel around the body to check for abnormalities.

Diagnosing disease early may stop it from progressing and improves the success rate of any treatment—so see it as your pet's annual M.O.T.

The annual health check and vaccination should be a very positive experience for you and your pet.

It is also a great chance for you to ask all those questions about your pet's health and lifestyle that you've been meaning to ask all year.

Don't be afraid to make a list and bring it with you!

Here are some areas you may want to raise during the consultation

- Diet and feeding
- Appetite and thirst
- Skin problems
- Ear problems
- Eye problems
- Coughing
- Sneezing
- Weight loss
- Vomiting
- Diarrhoea
- Urinating problems
- Lameness
- Lethargy
- Last deworming
- Last flea treatment
- Any other problems?

Booster vaccinations

Dogs can be vaccinated against **four important and potentially life-threatening canine viruses:**

- Leptospirosis
- Parovirus
- Distemper
- Hepatitis

As **Leptospirosis** in dogs is associated with rodents and water courses, dogs that exercise in or near water are especially vulnerable.

Kennel Cough

Not just a problem for dogs that stay in boarding kennels! Over recent years we have seen an increase in the number of dogs suffering from kennel cough, including those which have not stayed in kennels.

Dogs can catch the **highly contagious** disease anywhere that dogs gather such as parks, training classes and of course boarding kennels.

Rabies vaccinations are required for the pet passport scheme, ask a vet for advice on booster intervals

We believe that a carefully considered vaccination program to give maximum protection with minimal side effects is essential.

To help avoid unnecessary vaccinations and costs our vets will advise you on the components required each year.