



Market Hall Vets

Newsletter Companion Animal

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Practice Facilities

- * Appointment System
- * 24hr Emergency Care
- * In-house Lab
- * Weight Checks
- * Health Checks
- * Vaccination
- * Dental Facilities
- * Canine Behaviourist
- * Car Park

Consulting Times.

Monday-Friday

9.00-12.00

2.00-3.30

4.30-6.00

Saturday

9.00-12.00

Please give 24 hours notice for repeat prescriptions

Please remember there is always a 24 Hour Emergency Service

www.markethallvets.co.uk

01994 230451

Why Neuter?

There are often questions raised as to why you should consider neutering your pet. If you are not planning to breed from your dog or cat, then it is advisable to neuter your pet as there are numerous advantages.

Male cats – If neutered, will be less likely to spray strong urine, less likely to fight, and will not be at risk from testicular cancer

Female cats – will not produce unwanted litters, will be less likely to contract diseases such as FeLV (Feline Leukaemia) and FIV (Feline AIDS) and will be at a decreased risk of mammary cancer

Male dogs – If neutered will be less likely to roam , could be less aggressive, and will be at a reduced risk of getting testicular cancer, it will also diminish mounting behaviour

Female Dogs – will not produce unwanted litters, it will reduce the risk of mammary cancer and womb infections such as Pyometra (a potentially fatal infection) and it will also stop phantom pregnancies

Dogs and cats can usually be neutered at around 6 months old provide they have been checked over by a vet. However, should a female dog come into season, you should wait 3 months until after her season before getting her spayed. This allows for her reproductive system to settle down after the season, and reduce the risk of excessive bleeding during the operation. Please phone and speak to one of our nurses if you would like to book in your pet for neutering.

Nurse Clinics

We are now pleased to be offering Nurse Clinics here at Market Hall Vets. Our nurses are an invaluable part of our veterinary team helping to care and support your pets during their visits to us. The nurses can offer you friendly and valuable advice on a range of topics. The clinics currently available are:-

Pre-purchase Advice
Senior Health Check
Weight Clinic

Dental Clinic
Diabetes Support
Kitten and Puppy Advice

Weight clinics are complimentary which includes weigh-ins, nurse advice and a Barking Heads Fat Dog Slim Diet Voucher

All other clinics are £13.00 which includes a 15-30 minute clinic, vouchers for products, free urine tests in the Senior and Diabetes clinics, a support pack and the opportunity to answer as many of your questions as possible.

Please ask at reception for more information or speak to one of our nurses to book an appointment.

THIS MONTHS OFFER

10% off DAP & Feliway

Zylkene Sound Cd's £2 when bought with 10 Zylkene tablets

£2 OFF Barking Heads 2KG Adult



For further information on any of these topics please contact the practice on 01994 230451

Helping a Stress Free Fireworks Night

Is your pet scared of fireworks?

Now is the time to start helping your pet to be less anxious and stressed on fireworks night.

A recent survey has shown that up to 50% of dogs suffer with firework stress, and unfortunately if it is not treated can progress into fear of other loud noises such as gunshots, thunder to even everyday sounds such as the washing machine.

Are you able to recognise signs of stress in your pet? In cats, these signs may include inappropriate urination, reduced interaction, restlessness and over grooming. In dogs, signs of stress may include barking and vocalisation, hiding, destructive behaviour, wide eyes and changed demeanour.

There are treatments you can use both short term (a few days before fireworks night) and things you can do long term (several weeks before). It is never too late to start treating your pet, and the sooner you can, the better and remember it is not only November the 5th your pet has to deal with these distressing sounds.



In the Short term –

- ◆ Stay calm and relaxed so your pet won't pick up on your anxiousness and start to worry themselves. Excessive petting and hugging will also cause your pet to worry so try and go about your normal routine as much as possible.
- ◆ Don't let your dog or cat outside during fireworks, this could cause severe stress and could scare them into running away. It could also develop into a fear of going outside.
- ◆ Build a den – Dogs and cats naturally like to hide when they are scared, you may have noticed your pet hiding in a place before so make sure it is easily accessible to them.



- ◆ Shut the curtains so your pet can't see the flashes of the fireworks, and turn up the TV or play music to muffle the external sounds

- ◆ Zylkene is a natural complimentary feed which will reduce the effects of stress. It can be given to your pet 1-2 days before the expected stress is to occur. Zylkene will work well in conjunction with DAP or Feliway.

In the Long term –

- ◆ Sound Desensitisation for dogs –Cd's are available from the surgery. They work by subjecting the dog to the sounds slowly but surely so that the dog can become used to these noises so they do not cause as much fright.
- ◆ DAP for dogs or Feliway for cats works by releasing Pheromones into the environment which can naturally calm your pet down and reduce stress. It is best used in the room where you pet sleeps. Available as a 'plug in' or spray.

If you would like any further advice or information please contact the surgery.

