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The friendly team with  
over 50 years of  
veterinary experience

We offer FREE dental checks for your pet! Take advantage of this service to ensure your pets teeth are healthy.

### Do Cats get the Flu?

Yes, cats do get their own feline version of the flu which cannot be transmitted to humans. It will make your cat miserable and young kittens are particularly vulnerable. Without treatment, a cat's condition can decline and for a kitten, it can be fatal. While there is no 'cure' as such, we can help protect your cat against other infections that your cat can succumb to in their weakened condition. For more on how to protect your cat, call us today. We can help!



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VETERINARY CLINIC  
*nurturing the human animal bond*

Welcome to our **AUGUST 2018** Newsletter.

Winter is here in all its glory, but the good news is there is only one more month to go and we will be heading into spring. Now is an appropriate time to take stock of your pet's health and attend to those tasks you may have been putting off – such as their weight (it's easy to eat more and exercise less when it's cold) and their teeth. Read on for some useful tips and ideas of how to enhance your pet's health.



### Teething Problems?

Does your pets breath smell? Have they changed the way they are eating such as only eating on one side of their mouth or even leaving harder food in the bowl? This could be sign that your pet has teeth problems. Dental disease is common amongst pets by the age of three years old, but it can be entirely preventable. When plaque forms on the surface of the teeth and under the gum line it can cause inflammation, pain and infection. Carefully check inside your pet's mouth for any telltale signs of reddening of the gums or broken and discolored teeth. Dental disease is painful for your pet; it also can lead to infections of the liver, heart of kidneys. Here at Cheltenham Veterinary Clinic we offer **FREE DENTAL CHECKS** for your pet. Book in for a checkup with us and one of our Vets will check their teeth thoroughly and can advise on how to treat any dental decay. Act now to get your pets teeth back into good health which will make your pet feel like a million dollars and have their breath smelling sweet.

**Check out our information packed website for  
healthier + happier pets.**

**[www.cheltenhamvet.com](http://www.cheltenhamvet.com)**

## Discounts on pet food.

This month we have \$10-20 off per bag of Hills Prescription Diet T/D dry pet food.



### The Sulphur Crested Cockatoo – do they make good pets?

The answer is yes... and no. They can produce an insane amount of noise and they need a very large cage (read expensive). They do very well in an aviary with others of their kind, are very intelligent and affectionate. But they are high maintenance and can be expensive to care for.

**Microchip Implantation** – It only takes a single visit to provide your pet with a permanent ID which will give you peace of mind should your pet get lost.

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## Meet one of our team- Laurene

Laurene has been working as a receptionist at the clinic for 3 years. She loves meeting the people and pets that come through Cheltenham Veterinary Clinic. Laurene has always been driven to make a difference within the pet health industry, and now enjoys being part of a close-knit team of Veterinary professionals. She can relate to an owner's feelings as she has a beautiful pair of Cavalier King Charles Spaniels who keep her grounded. Laurene has a wonderful voice, as you will hear on the phone, and as a professional singer has toured both nationally and internationally with various musical artists. Laurene will be one of the first people you will encounter at Cheltenham Veterinary Clinic – whatever the problem, she will help you to find a solution!



**Please check out our Facebook page – it is regularly updated and covers a wealth of information.**

<https://www.facebook.com/cheltenhamvetclinic/>

### PETS LOVE A CHALLENGE!

All animals love a bit of a change in their routine, whether it is a new box to hide in, a different route to walk your dog, or a climbing pole for your cat. Bored pets tend to get into mischief, either rearranging the pot plants in the lounge, or removing the stuffing in your new cushions. Cats and dogs love chasing a ball or a few feathers on a rope. Dogs need a good run, an obstacle course or to be mentally challenged by a puzzle toy. Make your pet work for their dinner by filling a food dispensing toy and letting them wiggle, shake and turn the thing over to get a treat. You may even be able to have your own meal in peace without those pleading eyes boring into you! Try googling 'activities for dogs' (or cats, rabbits etc.) – you will find some fun games to test on your beloved pet.

***We will leave you with a laugh.***

Q. What happens when it rains cats and dogs?

A. You can step in a poodle!

