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## Nurturing the human and animal bond!



### HOW WE CAN HELP

Dental Health Checks for all pets

Cat Grooming – get rid of those knotts

Routine Surgery such as desexing, lump removals, cancer surgery, urinary tract surgery and so much more.

Vaccinations to prevent serious disease.

Regular health checks throughout the year.

Diet and exercise consultation and advice. Suggested dietary suggestions and plans to help to implement the changes to keep your pet healthy. We stock only the best foods for your furry friend.

Openpay – for immediate payment of treatment which allows you pay off over time.



Welcome to our **MAY 2019** Newsletter.

Autumn has settled into its routine, with cooler days and nights making life just that bit more pleasant. Some pets may feel the cold a bit more than others, and senior dogs can be prone to the weather. Consider getting a sweater or coat for your pet which can help them ward off the chills. Signs that your pet is feeling the cold include whining, shivering, and reluctance to move about. A little more food may be required to build them up for the oncoming winter but don't go overboard here. Excess weight can cause health problems. It is all about finding the right balance for your pet. Come in and talk to us – we can give you some great pet tips about Autumn care.



### ARTHRITIS AMONG PETS.

Arthritis can be quite common among dogs and is less common in cats. The give away signs are when you notice that your cat or dog becomes less active than they used to be. Getting up onto their feet may be a slower process as well. Your pet will rarely complain, they just adapt and accept the pain. But it doesn't have to be that way. Exercise, weight control and the use of an anti-arthritis medication can make the cooler weather much more pleasant for the older pet. Joints are often the most affected – with the neck, back and hind quarters being key areas. We can prescribe the right amount of medication that will give your pet freedom from the pain. Ask us about how we can help.

If you notice anything different about your pets behaviour, please contact us as prevention and early treatment is always best. Don't wait until the problem spreads or increases... treatment is always easier at the beginning of a disease than when it is fully developed.

**Our information packed website for healthier + happier pets is;**

<http://www.cheltenhamvet.com/>

### KENNEL COUGH – A TYPE OF DOG FLU?

If your dog gets out and about and is really a social pup, it can be difficult to avoid kennel cough. Although it can sound bad, it is like a dose of the flu for us. The best cure is to give your dog rest, quality food and plenty of fresh water. Keep them at home so they don't pass it on. If it is quite severe, you will need to bring your dog in for a health check and pick up some antibiotics. Your dog can take a few days before they get their energy back. We can assist your dog back to full health – for more information come in and talk to us.

## AUTUMN DANGERS



Cooler temperatures will see rodents seeking shelter by attempting to move into your home. This could prompt the laying of Rodenticides or mouse/rat poison around your property. Cats and dogs will investigate most things, and poison will attract them. If ingested, the results can be fatal. If you must put these poisons out please do so with extreme care and put them in places where your pet cannot reach it. Many people choose to change their car engine coolant as Autumn settles in. Beware Ethylene glycol-based coolants as they are highly toxic to pets. A small tsp spilled on the ground can be fatal if eaten by your pet.

**TICKS & FLEAS ARE STILL ACTIVE:** Don't let Autumn fool you, these pests aren't going anywhere! But they are on the prowl for a warm winter home and your pet makes an ideal homesite. Make sure your pets have their prevention medications so that they can avoid these persistent parasites and the diseases they carry.

## Cheltenham Veterinary Clinic

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**JUST A LITTLE ABOUT US!** Our vets give us over 57 years of combined veterinary experience. The clinic boasts an onsite Laboratory, Radiography and Ultrasound cutting the waiting time when you need urgent results. We have a dedicated surgical suite onsite to care for your pet, and offer consultations by appointment, emergency care, and home visits that can be arranged for those who would prefer it. We try to work in with your lifestyle and our clinic is open seven days a week. Our dedicated team of five experienced veterinarians, four compassionate vet nurses and one very helpful receptionist makes up our team who live and breath pet healthcare. On top of that we offer puppy preschool run by qualified dog trainers who can take on excitable puppies from 8 weeks of age. Training a puppy will make handling your growing bundle of fun so much easier and it is a great way to socialise your pup with other people and their pets. When your pet is not well it can be a traumatic time, but we understand and offer a haven of refuge where owners are welcome and their pets can feel safe and secure. Come in and say hi next time you are passing 😊



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

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

**Environmental Enrichment for Cats.** What this means is providing a variety of fun things for your cat to provide them with mental and physical stimulation within your home. Cats love heights. They are happiest when they can climb up high and view the world. Shelves that act as a stepping ladder to a higher resting post are ideal. Scratching posts and climbing frames are ideal. But don't discount the occasional cardboard box or large paper carry bag... they love to hide inside where they can ambush you when you walk past! Perhaps you can build a secure enclosure off the home where they can get access to go out and enjoy some fresh air, climb about or just sunbathe the afternoon away. Play is a great way for cats to get exercise and prevent boredom. Toys that move easily or on their own will fascinate your cat, even a simple toilet roll or piece of scrunched up paper can suffice. Toy dispensing treats make them work for their food, and just good old fashioned patting and playing with a cat will help make their life rich and rewarding. Look carefully at your home from your cats point of view. Is it fun and interesting or dull and boring? It may be time for a makeover! It will help prevent behavioural problems created by a bored cat.



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**DID YOU KNOW...** Dogs and humans have the same type of slow wave sleep (SWS) and rapid eye movement (REM). It is at the REM stage that dogs dream. The twitching and paw movements are in response to their dreams.

**Cats homing instinct** may be due to magnets in their brains! Cats find their way home through a process called 'psi-travelling' – experts think they navigate via the angle of the sunlight or that they have magnetised brain cells that acts a a compass.