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24hr emergency in-house veterinary cover.

Consultations by appointment only.

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WISHING ALL OUR CLIENTS AND PATIENTS A VERY HAPPY AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR!

We love to welcome our new patients to our practice! When you have a new “furry” addition to your family you are welcome to bring them in for a free health check with one of our vets. Just give us a call to register your new pet first and then we can make you an appointment. Our nurses also run free clinics and are on hand to give lots of expert advice on caring for your new pet, such as feeding, toilet training, grooming, exercise etc. We look forward to meeting them in the future. Please be aware we need to have seen your new pet in order to dispense flea and worm treatments.

Microchipping your pets

Please can we ask you to consider the importance of microchipping your pets. I’m sure dog owners will be aware that all dogs over 8 weeks of age are required to be microchipped by law now. However, it seems many cats are not microchipped. Cats are not legally considered to be property as dogs are and it can be very difficult to prove your cat belongs to you. Microchipping is a quick and safe way to permanently identify your cat. This can also apply to other pets who may be likely to wander off such as rabbits or tortoises.

Just recently we have had a few cases where injured cats who have been missing for a while have turned up at the practice after being brought in by a member of the public. Luckily in some of these cases we have managed to trace their owner through their microchip and return them safely to their homes. Whilst we make every effort to find the owner of injured strays, without a microchip many cats end up being rehomed through the local Cats Protection.

Microchipping costs just £16.50 per pet and can easily be done whilst your pet is having their booster or as a nurse clinic. If they are having an operation this is a good time as they are under anaesthetic. There is no consultation charge, and the £16.50 fee covers inserting the microchip, checking all your contact details are up-to-date and registering your pet on the national database so they can be traced anywhere in the country. A small price to pay for the peace of mind of knowing your pet can be returned to you quickly and with minimum stress involved.

Here is a little article I just found the other day taken from a previous issue of “The Cat” magazine:

If ever a story shows the importance of microchipping then it’s this one.

After a veterinary branch was contacted about a stray cat, nobody realised quite what a significant find he was. On closer inspection the cat was found to be microchipped and it transpired that he had been missing for four years! The owners had moved during that time, but not giving up hope they had changed their address with Petlog. Thanks to his chip, the disappearing cat was reunited with his owners after their long separation.

THE MORAL TO THE STORY IS NEVER GIVE UP; YOUR CHIP MAY STILL COME IN!



