



CASTLE VETS PETS

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Nurse Led Clinics



Here at Castle Veterinary Group we offer a range of different nurse led clinics. Would you believe that between them, our nurses have over 150 years' experience and are always discussing tips and tricks to improve our care and nurse consult for both your pets and you the owner. Our wealth of knowledge and expertise equips us perfectly to advise and guide you in doing the best for your pets. You may have seen some of the vital roles that our nurses fulfil around the practice featured on our social media recently. There are lots of issues, check ups and routine husbandry procedures that can be carried out by our team of RVNs in a consultation.

Have you thought of joining our Castle Care Club (CCC), which alongside the inclusive vaccinations, flea and worm preventative care, numerous discounts, you will be entitled to **TWO** nurse clinics as part of your pet's membership. For more details of our Club, please either see our website or you can discuss this with our reception teams at both our Launceston and Liskeard branches.



www.castleveterinarygroup.co.uk/veterinary-care-for-pets-launceston/castle-care-club/

We have listed below the various nursing clinics that are offered by our team.

Routine Checks:

Puppy/Kitten check:	£15 (included in Castle Care Club)
Pre-Neutering advice and check	£15 (included in Castle Care Club)
Post-Neutering advice and check:	£15 (included in Castle Care Club)
2 nd and 3 rd Vaccination:	Included in vaccination course
30min 6 Monthly Wellness Check:	£30 (included in Castle Care Club)

Flea and Worm Treatment Check:	£15, £10 for each additional animal
Anal Gland Emptying:	£15
Claw Clip:	£15
Rabbit Wellness:	£15
<u>General Health Maintenance:</u>	
Dental Check:	Included in Mouth Clean & Screen package
Anxious Dog Clinic:	Course of 6 for £45
Weight Clinic:	Course of 6 for £45
30min Senior Cat/Dog Clinic:	£30 (includes blood pressure and urine testing)
Tick Removal	£15
<u>Long Term Health Concerns:</u>	
Diabetic Clinic:	£15
Renal Clinic:	£15
Mobility Clinic:	From £15
Blood Pressure Measurement:	£15
Injection Administration:	Free of Charge
<u>Post Operative/Post Hospitalisation Care:</u>	
Post Operative Care:	£15
Dressing Change:	£15 (consumables and extra time charged)
IV Catheter Removal:	Free of Charge
Medication Administration:	Free of Charge
Ally Pet Loss Support:	Free of Charge

Please note that the charges listed are for a 15 minute consultation, unless stated otherwise, and in some instances it may be possible to carry out more than one procedure during a 15 minute appointment, in this case the charge will remain £15. If additional services are required and the appointment is extended there is an additional charge for the extra time taken at the same rate (£1/minute). Our team will always endeavour to be as transparent as possible about charges, please do feel free to ask if you would like further information about any of our charges.

Within most of these appointments we carry out a nose to tail examination checking for any abnormalities and discuss any worries or concerns you may have. We check your animal is a healthy weight, give dental and mobility advice, discuss vaccinations and parasite prevention, provide wound care and management information, advise on chronic conditions and SO much more.

If you would like to discuss or book in a nurse consultation, please contact the practice and we will be happy to help you.



It's Show Time

We will have a stand at Liskeard show on Saturday 13th July and Launceston show on Thursday 25th July which will be a great opportunity to meet members of the team and find out more about all of the services that Castle Vets offer. There will also be games, competitions and refreshments, so please come along and say hello.



Mouth Clean and Screen

The health of your mouth can have a significant impact on your general health and wellbeing – for pets, it is no different! Just like us, pets can also suffer from a broad range of oral problems. Dental disease is becoming more and more prevalent requiring younger animals to have teeth extracted.

Do not forget that Castle Vets offer a mouth clean and screen service which is a 'staged' approach to dentistry for dogs and cats. Firstly, one of our Registered Veterinary Nurses will carry out a complimentary dental check-up. If dental disease is identified during this appointment our recommendation is that your pet undergoes a 'Mouth Clean and Screen' procedure.



Mouth Clean and Screen:

- A day procedure involving a short general anaesthetic aimed at cleaning your pet's teeth, assessing and grading their oral health and then making a plan for further treatment if any is required.
- Pre-anaesthetic bloods are included as a screen for any health problems prior to administering an anaesthetic.
- Intravenous fluid therapy will be given to help maintain blood pressure during the procedure.
- X-rays will be taken of all the teeth to allow us to assess the structures below the gumline.
- The teeth will be descaled and polished.
- The gums and teeth will be assessed for any problems such as cavities, fractures or gaps between the teeth and adjacent gums.
- Your pet will then be woken up from the anaesthetic and a treatment plan of any necessary extractions will be made by one of our experienced veterinary surgeons. An accurate estimate of the cost of this treatment will be generated.
- When you come to collect your pet, we will show you the x-rays and dental chart and then run through the recommended treatment plan and explain what is involved.
- If further treatment is recommended, then your pet should be booked in within 6 weeks of the Mouth Clean and Screen for the initial treatment plan and estimate to still be valid.
- All our Mouth Clean and Screen patients receive a homecare 'Smile Kit', post-operative check and a dental check up with a veterinary nurse in 6 months. These are included in the package price.

The Benefits of a Staged Approach:

- Some animals will not require any further treatment. The Mouth Clean and Screen procedure is offered at a significant discount as compared to a standard scale and polish with pre-operative blood test, intravenous fluids and x-rays resulting in great savings for owners. (approximately £227.90 for cats, £263.94 for < 20kg dogs and £285.14 > 20kg dogs)
- If further treatment is needed then this would be carried out on a different day, resulting in your pet having two shorter general anaesthetics rather than one potentially very long one. This provides the following benefits:
 - Better maintenance of normal blood pressure
 - Better maintenance of normal body temperature
 - Quicker recovery from the procedure as there is less anaesthetic drug used
 - Less time lying still so less muscle and joint stiffness
 - Reduced surgeon fatigue

All of the above have been shown to contribute to a reduction in anaesthetic recovery times and post-operative complications

- We are only able to properly assess your pet's teeth and gums once they are anaesthetised. A thorough examination together with the use of dental x-rays means that we will be much better placed to predict which teeth will require extraction. We can then run through the treatment plan with you so that you know what to expect from the next procedure.
- Being able to plan further treatment in much greater detail means that we can also give you a much more accurate estimate of what the next procedure will cost.



- It is possible that health problems might be flagged on the pre-operative blood test that might otherwise have gone undiagnosed. Your pet can then receive prompt treatment if required.
- X-rays, scale and polish and pre-operative bloods will not be required for the second procedure and there will also be a shorter general anaesthetic - resulting in savings as compared to a non-staged dental.
- By leaving a period of time between the scale and polish and the extraction of teeth, our experience has been that some teeth that we expected to extract can be salvageable. This is probably due to the removal of tartar, allowing the gums to reattach.

International Day of Friendship

International day of friendship is celebrated on 30th July and is there any better friend to have than your pet? Our four legged friends are loyal, great listeners, provide lots of cuddles and stand by us no matter what, so it is only right that we celebrate them on this day and every day! Here are some of the Castle Vets Team with their BFFF's (best furry friend forever).

