



Puppy and Kitten Vaccination Packages

Helping your new arrival get the best start in life

It is always an exciting and busy time introducing a new puppy or kitten into the family, with lots to organise and think about too. So to help you on your way, we have put together three special vaccination packages, to help ensure that your new addition gets the best start in preventative and veterinary care.

The packages include

- ✓ **A full vaccination course** to help protect your pet against infectious disease
- ✓ **Initial worming and flea treatments** - regular and effective care is essential to keep these nasty parasites at bay
- ✓ **Microchipping** - a simple and permanent means of identification
- ✓ **A bag of Proplan development food**
- ✓ **Goody bag** including free food voucher
- ✓ **Kitten/puppy clinic** with a Veterinary Nurse
- ✓ **Puppy party invite** ✓ **4 weeks free Petplan insurance***
- ✓ **10% discount on neutering** in 'Kitten Complete' package

First vaccinations for puppies can be given from 8 weeks of age and kittens 9 weeks

For full details, cost, terms and conditions on these perfect packages, visit our website www.cophorne-vets.co.uk or contact us at the surgery.

**restrictions apply to the 4 weeks free insurance.*

COPTHORNE VETS NEWS

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.....and Cophorne continues to care

as the years progress at our FREE Senior Pet Clinics.

Improved lifestyles and nutrition are enabling many pets to now live longer. Just like people, your pets needs change during the different stages of their life, and at approximately seven years old they begin to enter the 'senior years'. You could then notice your pet begin slowing down a little, or their behaviour change. This may be due to the aches and pains of arthritis or other minor ailments, which can easily be treated to enable them to lead a happier, healthier life. Here at Cophorne Vets we offer a FREE Senior Pet Clinic. An experienced, qualified Cophorne Veterinary Nurse, will perform a full examination of your pet and chat to you about their lifestyle, offering help and advice to ensure your pet is living life to the full.

Please contact the surgery for more details.



Richard Morris' little dog Spangle is the star of Cophorne Vets new video. It was certainly a very different kind of day at our practice during the filming, as our vets, nurses and their beloved pets became 'movie stars' for the day! The pets of course stole the show and alongside Spangle, were some of Head Nurse Emma's 23 pets! Rufus the cat, Flint the parrot, Bolt the dog and Dante the guinea pig. Although they say 'never work with animals', everything went very smoothly, and we would like to say a huge 'thank you' to all involved. So to view our epic movie and its stars, visit our website and let us know what you think!

www.cophorne-vets.co.uk/cophorne-vets-video

....and the cupboard was bare!

Don't forget to visit our on-line shop for all your pets needs, often at reduced prices. Just log on to our website and select **Food & Petcare Shop** to see what we have to offer.



COPTHORNE joins facebook

It seems the easiest way to keep up with what is happening with your friends, is via a social networking site. So we have decided to join facebook, where our page will enable our clients and all pet owners, to keep up with the latest practice news, learn about up coming events and see our special offers. If you are interested, please take a look at our facebook page and 'like' it, to ensure you don't miss out!



COPTHORNE HOURS

Weekdays
8.30am - 7pm
Saturday
9am - 12noon 4pm - 5pm
Sunday 9am - 10am

Consultations by appointment

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EMERGENCY HOURS SERVICE



BAD HAIR DAY!



Tub Time Tips

- Brush coats first
- Give plenty of praise and happy reassurance
- Place an old towel or mat in the bath to ensure no slipping
- Use warm water and animal shampoo
- Avoid soap and water in eyes, ears and mouth
- Always rinse well, residue can be an irritant
- Be prepared to get wet, dogs love a good shake during and after a bath!
- Ensure your pet is thoroughly dry, especially those with long and thick coats

Happy Times Grooming is part of your pet's routine care, and should be an enjoyment not feared by them. It also helps build your relationship, and scientific evidence shows that it even relieves stress and lowers blood pressure, for both of you! Never scold your pet, give praise, be cheerful, and avoid tugging at the hair, as it will hurt!

Like advice on coat care? Please call our surgery, where our friendly staff will be happy to assist you on the type of grooming and frequency of bathing to suit your pet's breed.

Susan Richards, one of our experienced qualified veterinary nurses, has always been interested in dog grooming, and has recently completed a course. She grooms and shows her own standard poodle Rosie, and hopes to offer our clients' pets her services soon - so watch this space!



Whatever type of hair you have, it needs brushing, washing and cutting, to keep it in good condition. Every breed of dog also needs their coat 'grooming' too, whether by its owner or a professional groomer. Brushing helps to remove dead skin, loose hair and distributes the protective natural oils, all of which assist in keeping their coat and skin healthy. Some dogs require daily grooming, while for others a thorough brush just twice a week is sufficient. Regular care also provides the opportunity to spot any health problems in their early stages such as fleas, ticks, lice, lumps or swellings, skin conditions, hotspots, cuts, and infections.

Fur Coat Hair growth follows lines, which are called 'hair streams'. These run from the head, down the back, body and legs to the feet. There are factors that affect how this hair grows like the environmental temperature, the time of year, health problems or a diet lacking in nutrition.

Splish Splash! When it comes to bath time, a dog would probably prefer to keep their dirt and smelly fragrance, but if they have just waded through a large muddy puddle or happily rolled in something unpleasant, then it is time to head for the tub!



Pack your case pets!.... New Relaxed Passport Rules

With spring just around the corner, you may be starting to plan holidays abroad and taking your pet with you on a return trip, has now happily become much easier. On the 1st January 2012, new regulations were introduced, which have drastically shortened waiting periods after rabies vaccination, eliminated the blood test and revised parasite treatments.

To gain successful re-entry to the UK from EU and listed non-EU countries, **the new regulations need to be completed in this order.**

1. Microchip your pet.
2. Vaccinate against rabies and **wait 21 days** after vaccination is completed.
3. Obtain the documented EU pet passport
4. Parasite control - **before returning** to the UK, **all pet dogs** must be treated for **tapeworm** by a vet not less than 24 hours and not more than 120 hours (1-5 days) before its scheduled arrival time to the UK.
5. Return to the UK via an approved transport company on an authorised route.

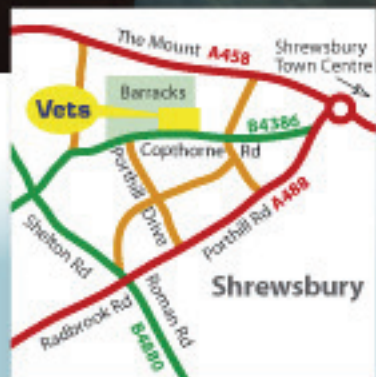


Keep it Valid Once the passport has been issued, ensure that rabies boosters are kept up to date, as lapsed vaccinations will mean a repeat of step 2.

Remember - Pets travelling abroad may be at risk from another country's diseases and parasites. We can advise and suggest suitable protection that is available, so be prepared before embarking on your travels. You can also visit www.defra.gov.uk where you will find full details on the new regulations, and the specific requirements from **unlisted non-EU countries.**



If you have any queries we are happy to help.



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