

## New Range Of Royal Canin Foods

Royal Canin have an excellent new range of Growth foods for cats and dogs. The cat range includes kitten milk, weaning & growth age groups which can be used from birth to neutering, and contains all the necessary ingredients to maintain a healthy digestive & immune system, they can also help with your cats oral hygiene. Once your cat has been neutered there is a range of young female & male foods that can help maintain your cats weight as well as help control possible future problems like bladder stones. The young cat range also includes a food that can be beneficial to your cats skin & coat that contains Omega 3 oils & Psyllium fibres which help reduce hairballs. From 7 years of age you have the mature cat, with a diet to help control body weight and renal function and from the age of 10 years the senior diet to sustain renal functions and maintain healthy joints.

The canine range offers a Puppy skin and digest diet, to aid digestion, promote a good balance of micro flora, improve immunity, provide the necessary vitamins to help strengthen the skin structure and skin barrier.

When your puppy is ready to move on

the Junior range does all the above plus help with joint protection.

The foods are available in a range of bag sizes, so please ask at Reception next time you are in.

Travelling Abroad with your Pet:  
Please remember to check that you know the requirements for the country that you are travelling to.  
*Ring DEFRA- 0845 6030 807 for advice*

## WORMING DOGS & CATS:

Recent research has shown that cats as well as dogs can carry the Toxocara worms that have the potential to cause problems in small children. Although this is, thankfully, a rare occurrence it means that we would advise to worm your pets 4 times a year for public health reasons as well as for their own sake.

There are many different wormer's available- from pills (including palatable formulations) to pastes, powders and even spot-on treatments.

Please feel free to come and discuss with us what would be appropriate for your cat or dog.

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## Veterinary Authorisation Fees for Repeat Prescriptions

Traditionally, whether right or wrong, Veterinary Practices have subsidised their professional fees through the mark up in their drug sales. The Department of Trade & Industry have scrutinised the whole process of veterinary prescribing, and are requiring us as a profession to stop this practice. From the 1<sup>st</sup> October 2005 we have been allowed to charge for our time appropriately. For some time now we have not charged a repeat dispense fee but we do charge a Veterinary Authorisation Fee for the Veterinary Surgeon's time in thoroughly checking the animals history and details, making sure the correct dose is advised & dispensed or given as a written prescription. We are able to provide a 24 hour turnaround for Repeat Prescriptions, often sooner if needed.

## Don't Forget About Fleas!

Even in the winter fleas can still breed in your home, so its advisable to keep anti-flea treatments up to date, even at this time of the year.

## Rabbit Teeth

One of the most common problems with rabbits is dental disease. Rabbits have continuously growing teeth, with both the cheek teeth and incisor's growing as much as 1-2mm per week.

The incisor (front) teeth should meet, ensuring that as your rabbit chews, they will wear down. If they become misaligned they will continue to grow , and will overgrow each other, causing eating problems.

The cheek teeth are the grinding teeth, if they become over grown or develop sharp spikes eating can become very painful, and can even lacerate the cheeks and tongue. Common signs of teeth problems are slobbering, decreased appetite and weight loss. If you are concerned then please make an appointment.

## Congratulations

Well done to our nurses Sally & Laura who have both passed their nursing exams and now become NVQ3 students.

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