



Planning for good health

1. Keep up with routine disease prevention -

Vaccination boosters, regular worming, flea control.

2. Keep up with Pet Health Insurance - you'll need it later (typically a significant claim is made every 3 years per insured pet).

3. Bad Teeth and Gingivitis - Get the teeth cleaned and polished under anaesthetic regularly - preserve the teeth rather than waiting till they go bad.

4. Obesity - Overweight cats have less fun and live shorter lives. Slim down overweight cats now.

5. Behaviour problems - Nervousness, aggression, toileting problems, scratching etc. - Behaviour problems come in many forms and often result is an anxious or unhappy cat - we can sort out most problems.

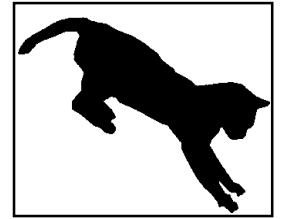
6. Regular Health Check with the nurse every 3 months. Our nurses will monitor body condition and guide you through the best preventive health care.

Weight _____ Ideal weight _____ Date _____

Notes

Pet's Name

Top Priorities for your Adult Cat



PET HEALTH INSURANCE with LIFE COVER

Start before there's a problem! Ask our nurses for help in choosing a reliable insurance policy. *AVOID policies that only give cover for 12 months.*

HIGH QUALITY FOOD - for the best of health feed **HILL'S SCIENCE PLAN ADULT - VETESSENTIALS** *You'll get 1-2 motions a day instead of 4-5 (+ you'll save on cat litter). Less hair shedding, less smell & much improved health. Cost? - less than 60p / day for an adult!*

VACCINATION - against Flu, Enteritis & Feline Leukaemia.

+ Rabies vaccination if you intend to travel overseas with your cat.

WORM every 3 months with MILBEMAX.

CONTROL of Fleas, Ticks, Ear mites, etc.

Use licenced veterinary treatments only. Ask the vet for the best product for your pets, and treat all your cats and dogs all year round.

Be aware that most flea products on sale at pet shops, internet or supermarkets just don't work and some can even do harm.

NEUTERING of both male and female cats.

idENTICHIP - Electronic ID - do it today - lasts for life.

WATCH THE WEIGHT - Overweight cats are prone to diabetes, heart disease and arthritis. Feed Hill's R/D (dry or canned) + Join "**Pet Slimmers**" - our nurses will help you slim your cat successfully.

TEETH CARE - have the vet or nurse check the teeth regularly.

Dental polishing under anaesthetic will be required approx. every 2 yrs.

FELIWAY Plug-In Diffuser - helps calm anxious cats.

FELIWAY Spray - helps cats relax when travelling in a car.

Visit our website: www.vet-healthcentre.co.uk

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Vets: John Davies MRCVS, David Higginson MRCVS, Sam Purcell MRCVS

Practice Manager: Ruth Swan VN BSc(Hons) PhD

Information Leaflets

Available free from reception.

- Finding the right diet.
- Successful slimming.
- Your cat's dental assessment.
- Anaesthetic safety explained.
- Litter training your cat.
- How to worm your cats.
- Flea prevention.
- Benefits of neutering cats.
- Behaviour therapy.

Is your cat's behaviour
less than perfect?

We can help
sort out
your cat's
emotional
problems.



Nervousness?
Scratching & Biting?
Aggression to other cats?
Toileting problems?
Killing birds?

◆ Ask at reception for details
of our behavioural services.



Cat walks in garden....

- One flea jumps onto cat.
- Flea lays 1000 eggs that scatter around the house!
- Eggs form into adult fleas in ~ 2 - 4wks.
- One flea can result in 1000 fleas in 4wks



Wise pet owners prevent flea
infestation by routine flea prevention .

- Ask for our leaflet on Flea & Tick control for guidance on the best product for your cat.
- Use only licenced veterinary products, many treatments on general sale just don't work.
- Treat ALL your dogs and cats - all year round.

Your cat's Healthcare Budget

Estimated costs per year:

Worming 4 x/year	£25
Flea Prevention	£85
Annual Booster	£50
Health Insurance (PetPlan)	~£150 (inc. with age of cat)
Medical problems not insured	£100 (£0 - £300)
Boarding for 2 wks	£100 (£0 - £100)
Litter, Toys, Treats, Equipment,	£120 (£50 - £200)
Quality food (Hills Science Plan)	£240
	~ £870

+ Once only costs - neutering, identichip.

Most Costly Mistakes

- 1) If you don't insure your cat's health you may have costs up to £1000 - £2500 for serious injury or disease.
- 2) If you feed canned food, small tubs or sachets you may be paying twice as much for a poorer quality food.

Biggest Health Mistakes

- 1) Obesity - overweight cats have more medical problems.
- 2) Not neutering - neutering prevents a host of problems.
- 3) Neglecting dental care - bad teeth cause ill health.
- 4) Not vaccinating against fatal diseases.
- 5) No identification - use a Cat Collar with a name tag.

Even if your cat has an Identichip you still need to use a cat collar as a clear indicator that this cat is not a stray! Put your name, address and phone no. on one side and "VET 01254 53622" on the other side. Our phone is always answered even if you are away. Your cat will be returned to a safe place even if you are not at home. Our nurse will show you how to fit a cat collar safely.

Planning ahead prevents problems