



Planning for good health

1. Keep up with routine disease prevention -

Vaccination boosters, regular worming, flea and tick 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-and follow this up with daily teeth brushing if you dog will permit it. Preserve the teeth rather than waiting till they go bad.

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

Low-calorie diets and slimming medicines available.

5. Behaviour problems - Lead pulling, hyperactivity, nervousness, aggression etc. - Behaviour problems come in many forms and generally result is an anxious or unhappy dog - 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

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

Pet's Name

Top Priorities for your Adult Dog



PET HEALTH INSURANCE with LIFE COVER

- Start before there's a medical problem. After 8 yrs of age your pet will be too old to start insurance - and that's when you'll really need it.

HIGH QUALITY FOOD - for the best of health feed **HILL'S SCIENCE PLAN ADULT - VETESSENTIALS** *Less hair shedding, less motion, less smell, and much improved health. 80p / day for a 10kg adult.*

VACCINATION - Annual Booster injection essential.

Parvovirus, Distemper, Hepatitis, Leptospirosis.

Infectious Bronchitis (Kennel Cough) and Parainfluenza

Rabies vaccination - booster every 3 years.

WORM 3 monthly *with MILBEMAX* (tasty tablets).

CONTROL of Fleas, Ticks, Ear mites, Mange 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 prevents many serious medical problems in both male and female dogs. Also reduces aggression and dominance.

TEETH CARE - Annual dental polishing under anaesthetic is the best way to keep the teeth and gums healthy + daily teeth brushing if possible.

WATCH THE WEIGHT - For overweight dogs feed Hill's R/D. + A regular check-up with our nurses will help you slim your dog successfully.

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

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Dog walks down street....

- One flea jumps onto dog.
- 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 dog.
- Use only licenced veterinary products, many treatments on general sale just don't work.

Treat ALL your dogs and cats - all year round.

FLEA PROBLEMS

- Skin irritation, Flea allergic dermatitis.
- Fleas carry tapeworms, and several nasty infections that affect pets and humans (Bartonella & Rickettsia).
- Fleas bite humans causing painful sores on the legs.
- Fleas love clean warm homes.

TICK PROBLEMS

- Ticks transmit nasty diseases that affect pets and humans. (In the UK, Lyme Disease and Anaplasmosis. Across Europe and occ. in UK, Ehrlichiosis, Babesiosis and Hepatozoonosis).
- Ticks can attach to humans.

Is your dog's behaviour less than perfect?

A dog is never too old to learn - we can help sort out problems like.....

Mouthing? Hyperactive? Destructive?

Aggression? Disobedient? Lead Pulling?

Messing in the house? Anxiety?



Your dog's Healthcare Budget

Estimated costs per year:

Worming 4 x/year	~£30	(£20 - £35)
Flea & Tick Prevention	~£95	(£80 - £110)
Annual Booster inc. K.C.	~£70	
Health Insurance (PetPlan)	~£200	(inc. with age of dog)
Medical problems not insured	~£250	(£0 - £400)
Boarding for 2 wks	~£140	(£0 - £200)
Equipment, Toys, Treats	~£180	(£60 - £300)
	~ £965	

Add the cost of a good quality food e.g. Hill's Science Plan

Small breed	£380 = £1345/year
Medium breed	£550 = £1515/year
Large breed	£800 = £1765/year

+ Once only costs - neutering, dew claw removal, identichip.

Most Costly Mistakes

- 1) If you don't insure your dog'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) Not sorting out behaviour problems - commonest cause of euthanasia for dogs under 10 yrs of age.
- 2) Obesity - overweight dogs have more medical problems.
- 3) Not neutering - neutering prevents a host of problems.
- 4) Neglecting dental care - bad teeth cause ill health.
- 5) Not vaccinating against fatal diseases.

Planning ahead prevents problems