

## Stress and Your Pet

We know that this time of year is a busy one, the nights drawing in, **bonfire night** and **Halloween** celebrations and families preparing for **Christmas**. It can be a stressful time for everyone but especially for your pets.

Stress in your pet can be difficult to recognise, as some will only show stress with **subtle withdrawal behaviours**. **Change** is the major source of stress as pets find it difficult to adapt when **their normal environment** is altered. The sound of **fireworks**, **changes to room's layout** and families visiting for **Christmas** are some of the things that can affect your pet.

Here at **Aireworth Vets** we **have lots of ideas** to help reduce your pet's stress level. As well as advice, the following products can be **bought over the counter**.

**Zylkene** is a palatable powder that helps both cats and dogs cope with stress and change. The makers also produce a **DVD** to use as a training aid to help pets become less sensitive to loud and sudden noises



**Feliway** (for cats) and **D.A.P** (for dogs) use copies of **pheromones** that help to create state of well being, comfort and a calming environment.



**Skullcap and Valerian** is a combined **herbal remedy** in the form of a coated tablet that helps to relieve anxiety and nervousness.



If you think your pet maybe stressed, our **dedicated nursing team** will be happy to discuss with you ways in which to help your pets cope.

For help and advice on the lead up to bonfire night please ask for a copy of our **'Do's and Don'ts fact sheet**.

## New Diets now in Stock!

At **Aireworth Vets** we believe in offering your pet the very **best nutritional diets available**. Our new stock of **Purina Proplan** diets deliver just that.

Years of research into the nutritional needs of different ages and lifestyles has led to Purina developing new formulas that are scientifically balanced to provide **optimal nutrition**, meeting the **needs of your pet's age and lifestyle**. All the diets contain **high quality meats** as their main ingredient cooked in a manner that limits nutrient loss in order to give your pet the greatest possible benefit. This is combined with rigorously selected ingredients, **no added artificial colours** and **no preservatives**, all this together provides a **high quality product**.



For **help and advice** on our new diets please ask one of our **receptionists or nurses**. Also, as an **introductory offer** we are giving away a **free gift** with every 14kg bag of Pro Plan purchased from the canine range.

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### Opening Times

**Mondays to Fridays: 8am to 8pm.**  
**Saturdays: 8.30am to 4.30pm.**  
**Sundays: 10.30am to 12pm.**

*On Bank Holidays we run special duties for Emergencies.*

**We will soon be advertising our Christmas opening times.**



## Pet Health Plans

The small animal team at **Aireworth Vets** are proud to offer you a way to **save money and pay monthly** for your **pet's essential preventive care**.



Unlike pet insurance our **pet health plans** cover the routine things like **vaccinations, flea and worming** treatments and regular health checks. For your new puppy or kitten they offer **identichipping** and **neutering** and for the older pets annual **blood pressure check** and senior **blood tests**.

**Preventive health care** is a proactive approach to your pet's healthcare and is far better than waiting until your pet is vulnerable, ill or suffering.



We are **passionate** about making **responsible pet ownership** **simple and affordable** and that is what pet health plans are designed to do. Signing up to a plan allows you to **spread the cost** of these essentials into **affordable monthly payments**, as well as benefiting from **additional discounts** on pet food and other **special offers** for members only.



Please take one of our **leaflets** home to read more or ask one of our **reception team** how you can **sign up** today!

### Good Luck News

We would like to wish two of our qualified veterinary nurses, **Joanne McNichol** and **Christina Goodall**, well as they start their **maternity leave!**

We would also like to wish two of our **work experience volunteers** good luck as they start their university courses to become **vets**.

## Start your Christmas Shopping

Our **reception area** has changed slightly. We are now stocking a **larger range of toys, training aids, brushes, collars and leads**, as well as making many of our **general sales products** more available for you to browse.

The **Kong** range of products help with the training of your dog, whilst the **toys** provide them with a little extra treat!

Our **general sales** range includes many **joint supplements**, an **extensive dental care** range, **stress relieving aids** and **shampoos**, all these products have been **tried and tested** by our **practice staff** on their own **pets**.



We hope this makes it easier for you to come in and purchase the items you require. **Happy shopping!**



## Practice Tours

A chance to see **'behind the scenes'** at Aireworth Vets. We are running regular tours of the Practice Premises: **Every Thursday afternoon from 2.30pm to 3.30pm.**

Come and see where **we care for your pets** including: **the kennels, cattery, operating theatres and prep room.** Find out about some of the medical tools we use: **x-ray, ultrasound, endoscope and dental equipment.**

Please **book in advance** by leaving your **contact details** with one of the **reception team.**

## Beware Slugs and Snails

With the weather turning wetter **slugs and snails** are appearing more often in our gardens, but these pests are potentially more dangerous than you may think.



The **Lungworm** *Angiostrongylus vasorum* (also known as French Heartworm) is a parasite that infects dogs and is carried by slugs and snails. Dogs sometimes eat these common garden pests when **rummaging through undergrowth, eating grass, drinking from puddles or outdoor water bowls**, or pick them up from their **toys**. An infected dog can also spread the parasite into the environment by **excreting larvae** in their **faeces**. This increases the chances of other dogs becoming infected.

Lungworm infections can cause **general sickness, changes in behaviour, breathing problems** and more seriously **blood clotting problems** which are often **fatal** if **not diagnosed** and treated. Diagnosing a lungworm infection can be done by **analysing a faecal sample**.

Once diagnosed and treated, most dogs make a full recovery. The key to successful treatment is **taking action early**.

To avoid the risk of lungworm infections at Aireworth Vets we recommend that all dogs are wormed every 3 months with

Milbemax. For those dogs at high risk, we recommend worming them monthly with Milbemax or

