

## CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR OPENING HOURS

Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Eve	8.00am – 5.30pm
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Day	CLOSED
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> December	Boxing Day	11.00am - 12 noon (emergencies only)
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> December	Bank Holiday	11.00am – 12noon (emergencies only)
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> December	Bank Holiday	9.00am – 5.30pm
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> and Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> December	Normal Opening hours	8.00am - 8pm
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> December	New Year's Eve	8.00am – 5.30pm
Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> January	New Years Day	11.00am -12noon (emergencies only)
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January	Normal Opening hours	10.30am - 12noon
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January	Bank Holiday	11.00am – 12noon (emergencies only)

For emergencies whilst we are closed please phone the surgery and you will be automatically transferred to Vets Now, a dedicated emergency practice.

## NEW PUPPY OR KITTEN?

Around christmas many new kittens and puppies are bought as presents. At Aireworth Vets we are keen to educate new owners and offer a wide range of nurse appointments throughout the day.

Nurse appointments for puppy and kitten advice are free of charge.

**If you are thinking of getting a puppy or kitten why not contact one of our local animals charities?**

**Remember: Animals are for life, not just for christmas!**



**For any further information on caring for your new pet please do not hesitate to contact us**

## KENNEL COUGH

Kennel Cough, despite its name, is NOT only caught in kennels - but can be passed amongst animals in areas such as parks, dog shows, training classes and other popular 'doggy areas'.



Vaccination, via the nasal route, is easy. One annual treatment is all that is required. On the other hand treatment is not; it can be lengthy and costly.

Coughing is the obvious sign that your pet is suffering from kennel cough but they will also have a fever. This can lead to pneumonia and other complications.

Vaccination currently costs £24, which includes a full health check by one of our vets



## LOTS OF TREATS IN RECEPTION



We now have an increased number of general sales products, such as supplements, shampoos and treats, available in reception.

A member of our dedicated nursing team is always available to discuss any questions or queries.



We also have an increased number of toys, playthings and pet beds, ideal for your pets Christmas present!

**Pet Health Plan members get an extra 5% off - Happy Christmas!**

## CONGRATULATIONS...

Two of our qualified nurses who left us recently on maternity have had their babies! Christina Goodall gave birth to her first baby, Isaac Frank, and Joanne McNichol has had her second daughter Emily Kate.

We wish them all the best and hope to see them back soon!



## Winter Warnings

Around Christmas and New Year life can become quite hectic, making it easy to forget that our animals may not view it with the same excitement. Here are a few helpful hints to ensure the festive period passes without a hitch!



- Keep your pets routine as normal as possible.
- Keep all wiring, tinsel and christmas decorations out of your pets reach. (Cats are especially keen on tinsel!)
- Plug in a DAP or Feliway diffuser to help keep your pet calm and relaxed.
- Be aware of festive poisons. Here are a few examples of foods to watch out for: chocolate, grapes, raisins, currants, sultanas, peanuts, onions, garlic and macadamia nuts. Also remember that some festive plants can be poisonous, such as mistletoe, lilies, holly and poinsettia.



- If your pet accidentally eats something that you think may be poisonous please ring the surgery immediately.

For any further advice or information please contact us and we will be happy to help.

## Online Information

Check out our new, improved website for information about your pets care.



**From all at Aireworth Vets, we wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!**



## PET WEIGHT CLINICS

Has your pet over indulged this holiday season? We all like to spoil our pets a little too much, leading to an extra few inches on their waistline.

Here at Aireworth Vets we are keen to educate and help your pet lose those few extra pounds. Due to the increased amount of time you spend with your pet over the festive period you may not notice the extra weight gained.

Controlling what you feed your pet is one method of preventing weight gain, but ensuring your pet has enough exercise is another.



A few benefits of weight loss include a longer life span, increased energy, reduced weight related medical illness's and a happier pet!

Appointments with the nurse to discuss your pets weight are free of charge. In these appointments we will discuss the amount of weight your pet needs to lose and go through all the options of the best way to do so.

## PAINFUL ARTHRITIS

During winter the cold weather effects us all, particularly your elderly pets. The signs of arthritis can be subtle, from something as insignificant not being as keen to exercise to limping and difficulty getting up. These signs can progress gradually.

For the early signs of arthritis we stock a number of tasty supplements available in reception that do not require a visit to the vet.

If your pets is showing signs of slowing down and becoming stiff then an appointment with a vet may be necessary. An appropriate course of medication can hugely increase your pets quality of life.

Colin Thomson, one of the practice partners, is qualified to perform **acupuncture**. Acupuncture is used for the treatment of pain and involves inserting tiny needles into certain points around the body.



If you are interested in trying this therapy please make an appointment with Colin. Initially your pet will need an assessment to ensure they are suitable and then treatment will go ahead if appropriate.