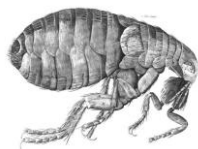


# NEWS

**BUY 3 GET 1 FREE ON  
SELECTED FLEA TREATMENTS  
UNTIL 31<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER.**



Now is the time to start thinking about your pets in time for bonfire night. Please contact the practice to discuss the different options and what would be best for your pet. (On our website there is a newsletter from last September that was all about the firework season.)

## Is your pet insured?

1 in 3 pets may need unexpected veterinary treatment this year.

### Types of Policies:

#### Time-Limited.

- Covers a coverable condition for a maximum of 12 months.
- You cannot continue to claim for a condition that lasts longer than 12 months.
- The condition is permanently excluded after the 12 months.

#### Maximum Benefit

- Provide an amount for vet fees per condition.
- No time limit as long as the policy is renewed each year.
- The condition is permanently excluded once the maximum benefit is reached.

## Lifetime

- Provide a maximum amount for vet fees each year as long as the policy is renewed each year.
- You can continue to claim for the same condition for your pet's life as long as you renew your policy each year.
- Provides cover for ongoing diseases like diabetes.

Case No 1. POPPY is a Jack Russell that cut her paw in the park. Total of all treatment £190.

Case No 2. ALFIE is a West Highland Terrier that ate a peach stone. Total of treatment = £940.

Case No 3. MEG is a Cavalier King Charles Spaniel that has on going heart problems, which costs £1750 a year.

Case No 4. TIGGER is a cat that broke his leg in the garden. Total cost of treatment = £625.

Case No 5. RUPERT is a cat who has Diabetes that has cost £770 to get him stable and an ongoing £100 a month for treatment.

Case No 6. DYLAN, Labrador dog who has itchy skin. So far treatment cost is £1150.

For their full stories and to find out if they are insured or not visit our facebook page.

Please speak to a member of staff if you have any questions about insuring your pet.

## Pet of the month

### FLUFFY

Fluffy is our first pet of the month that isn't a dog or a cat – she is a lovely pet rat. Her owners noticed that she started to grow a lump and because it was growing quickly, we decided to remove it. Although the anaesthetic risk in small pets such as rats, guinea pigs and hamsters is higher than that in dogs or cats, if this lump continued to grow it would start to affect her movement and quality of life.

Fluffy came in for the day to have her operation, which went very smoothly and the lumps that she had was successfully removed. Usually after an operation like this, whilst the body heals, we advise owners to keep their dogs on the lead, or to confine their cat to one room where they can't jump up. This is because too much moving around can delay healing. There isn't much that you can do to keep a rat quiet though! So we just had to keep our fingers crossed.

A few days after she was back in, as she had been scratching at the wound and it had opened up slightly. We managed to apply some tissue glue to the wound and wrap her up in a wee body bandage to stop her getting to it while it healed, all without anaesthetising her. She was so good.

A week later we had her in for the day to sedate her and remove the bandage to check how the wound was doing (although she is very good, the sticky bits can be sore!). It looked to be healing well so we decided not to cover it again. However, as soon as Fluffy woke up she was straight at the wound, nibbling away. Unfortunately,

this meant another 10 days in the body bandage.

When she came in again we removed the bandage to check the wound. It was coming along nicely but not totally healed yet. To be on the safe side she had a lighter bandage applied. A hard scratch, or if she groomed it too much, could have caused problems to it.

Another week passed and Fluffy came back to see us. The bandage was removed and just to protect it for a little bit longer we made her a wee t-shirt out of a sock!

Through all of these trips to the vet, anaesthetics, bandage changes and examinations Fluffy has been such a good patient. It must be uncomfortable when one person is holding her and another is wrapping her up but she tolerated it all and would even give us a wee lick after.

We have all grown very fond of little Fluffy and hope that on her next visit her t-shirt can come off and she will be back to herself.



## NEW ARRIVALS



**ASHA** Rhodesian  
Ridgeback



**DYLAN** Shih Tzu



**LUNA**  
Labrador



**FLYNN**  
Lhasa Apso

**SARA**  
Cavalier King Charles Spaniel



**EIKO**  
Jack Russell



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