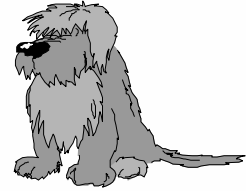
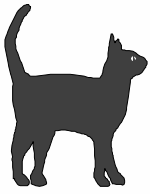


# Midsummer Veterinary Group



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Is your pet up to date with booster, flea and worm treatment?



If not **SPRING** into action now and make an appointment.

## Practice News

**S**arah and Amy are now in their second and final year of their Veterinary Nursing (NVQ 3). Obviously the pressure is on now and the studying is at an all time high. However, plenty of help is at hand and Tam, as their qualified internal assessor, is encouraging and guiding them through.

**A**ngela is halfway through her first year of training and is enjoying the challenge. It takes a lot of dedication and hard work to become a qualified veterinary nurse!

Make life easier by ordering your pet food on-line and take advantage of the discounts available. Visit our website [www.midsummervet.co.uk](http://www.midsummervet.co.uk) for the link to our on-line shop. If you are not sure which food is correct for your pet our nursing staff will be able to advise you at a **FREE Nurse Clinic**. Your pet's lifestyle, weight and breed will all be taken into consideration, after the consult you will know that the food recommended is the one that will benefit your pet the most.

We offer **FREE Nurse Clinics** to help you to understand the needs of your pet.

**Weight Clinic** - Keep a regular check on your pet's weight and diet  
**Dental Clinic** - Make sure you give your pet a good dental routine  
**Adolescent Clinic** - Help and advice at this important time  
**Senior Wellness** - Our Special clinic for elderly pets

**Our experienced Nursing Staff are here to help you keep your pet in tip top condition - make an appointment today!**



## What do we offer as a Veterinary Practice?

Are our services good value money? In these 'credit crunch' times we are all keenly aware of the importance of watching the money. However, sometimes



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'cheap and cheerful' shouldn't come into the equation, particularly where your pets are concerned.

We have a purpose-built surgery with many facilities, including Xray, Ultrasound, Electocardiograph, computerised Laboratory Diagnostics, Orthopaedic equipment and of course a fully equipped Operating Theatre. We have separate cat and dog kennel rooms and a post-operative/recovery block.

We use top of the range anaesthetics and pain relief, we know it costs more but it is beneficial to your pet when undergoing an operation or a procedure. The anaesthetic that we use has the added benefit of not causing a 'hang over' effect as other types of anaesthetic may do.

Veterinary Medicine is not an exact science, we sometimes need to carry out investigatory procedures to be able to accurately diagnose. No vet would want to diagnose every condition by examination only so veterinary practices must have the equipment necessary to facilitate diagnosis.

Unlike the National Health, Veterinary Medicine is not subsidised and each practice has to cover the cost of expensive equipment and it's maintenance. So will you get 'value for money'? Yes you will, because apart from the equipment we also have a very experienced nursing team, who really care about the welfare of your pet, before, during and after any operation or procedure. The nursing staff are always in attendance pre-operative and post-operative.

The nursing staff, through their Nurse Clinics, provide advice to help you give your pet a full and healthy life. Consultations are much easier on your pet with our spacious waiting room/reception area and our consult rooms are light and airy. We have the added bonus of a spacious car park with easy access to the entrance door. We also have the added benefit of a field at the rear of the building for a last minute 'wee stop' for doggy clients.

## Neutering Cats and Dogs

As a pet owner you will probably weigh up the pro's and the con's of having your pet neutered. Although it may seem to you that it is an unnecessary procedure to put your pet through, it certainly has benefits for the health of your pet.

In un-neutered bitches the risk is much higher of them having mammary tumours, also they may develop a condition called 'pyometra' in later life. Pyometra is where the womb becomes infected and may be fatal if not treated in time. There is also the probability of them



falling pregnant if not totally supervised during their seasons.

We do not routinely castrate dogs, they do not have the health problems of an un-spayed bitch, however, castration may be recommended for behavioural problems and your vet will advise you of other options if necessary.

Un-spayed female cats are more susceptible to picking up infectious diseases as they tend to roam more. Due to their wanderings they also have a greater risk of being involved in a traffic accident. They also may develop mammary tumours and womb infections in later life. And then there is the problem unwanted kittens, a female cat may come back into season only days after giving birth.



Un-neutered toms are very territorial and due to fighting, commonly have to be treated for bite wounds and abscesses. They also roam far and wide and are at more risk from road traffic accidents and picking up diseases. They mark their territory by spraying strong-smelling urine, in the home as well as outside.

If you would like more information or advice about neutering, please contact either of our branches where the nursing staff will be happy to answer your questions and provide you with an estimate of the cost.

<b>Opening Hours</b>	
<b>Stantbury Fields</b>	
Mon - Fri	8am to 7pm
Saturday	9am to 1pm
<b>Eglestone</b>	
Mon Tues Fri	10am to 11am
Thurs	4pm to 5pm
	10am to 11am
<b>Consultations by appointment only</b>	

**Did you know that a dog has 42 adult teeth and a cat has 28?** They are made up of incisors, canines, premolars and molars. They are arranged specifically for each type to be used for a different purpose. The canines, the long fang-like teeth, are used almost like weapons, for hunting and killing. Whilst actually eating they will use molars and premolars. This means that the molars will have the most debris catching on and between them. If it is left there it will eventually lead to plaque which in turn may lead to inflammation of the gum (gingivitis). Over time the inflammation will spread deeper into the socket of the tooth causing bone erosion. Your pet will have difficulty eating, have really bad breath and



a lot of discomfort.

Preventative dental care as part of your pet's daily routine will help to stop the accumulation of plaque and its subsequent results:-

- Make sure your pet is eating properly
- Smell their breath
- Look in their mouth particularly the molars
- Brush and clean all teeth every day
- Feed the correct diet
- Regular dental checks



If you need advice on how to clean your pet's teeth our **FREE** Nurse Clinics will help you to maintain a daily dental routine for your pet.

**With the better weather on its way, hopefully,** it will soon be time for proud dog owners to take their pet to a local run dog show. If you want your pooch to look the best we are now stocking special grooming products from shampoos, conditioners and detangle lotions. And if you need that extra bit of razzamatazz we have a good selection of collars and leads for that all important trot around the ring.



During Spring we have many baby birds brought in to us. The chances are they have not been abandoned by the mother. They may well be resting after their first attempt at flying or they may have fallen out of the nest. The mother bird will continue to feed them providing they are not too far away from the nest. So if you see a baby bird on the ground please leave it where it is unless it is in immediate danger.