



Pet of the Month

Our pet of the month this month is beautiful **Dorothy**, a young pug who has had a very common canine problem. She has suffered from the slightly embarrassing affliction of leaking anal gland fluid whenever she jumped onto the couch or onto her owners' laps! As you can imagine, this was starting to have an effect on the frequency of her cuddles and was very distressing for her and her owners!

All dogs (and cats) have scent glands adjacent to their rectum, which are used to mark their territory. Unfortunately, with reduced roughage in their diets, we commonly see pets with anal gland disease. They typically "scoot" their bottoms along the floor, or chew at their tails due to the discomfort caused by the swollen glands. This can be a chronic and debilitating disease.

Despite attempting to treat Dorothy's condition medically, the problem persisted, resulting in her having to undergo delicate surgery to remove the offending glands. She has subsequently recovered well and life is now greatly improved for her and her owners!



Helping our pets to enjoy (not endure!) their Old Age

We **love** seeing our elderly patients, as they are often old friends who we know well, and they show so much tolerance and grace. This is also often the stage of life during which we can make the biggest difference in their **quality of life** and **comfort**, so it is very rewarding for us to be able to help them.



Gone are the days that these senior years need to be endured by our pets, with them suffering from painful mouths, smelly breath, stiff and painful joints, incontinence, ear and skin problems and reduced vision and alertness. Veterinary medicine has progressed to such an extent, that all of these conditions can now be safely treated and controlled in our elderly patients *very easily*, and it is no longer necessary for them to "age" prematurely. For example - did you know that we now have a diet that we can feed our geriatrics that increases cognitive function and reduces signs of senility?

Because this is something that we are passionate about, we offer **free senior checks** to our elderly patients 6 months after their annual vaccinations so that we can pick up any ailments developing quickly.

Give us a ring on **3353 6999** to book yours now.

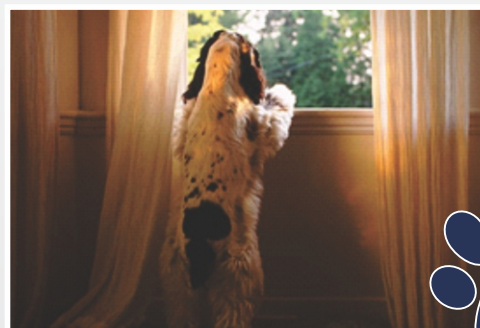
How old is your dog in human years?

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
7-13kg	12	19	25	30	35	40	44	48	52	55	59	62	66	69	73	77	82	86	91	97
14-22kg	13	19	25	31	36	40	45	49	53	56	60	64	67	71	75	80	84	89	95	101
23-34kg	15	21	27	32	37	42	46	51	55	59	63	67	71	76	80	85	91	97	103	111
35-40kg	17	23	29	34	39	44	49	55	57	62	66	71	76	81	86	92	99	106	114	122
41-45kg	20	26	32	37	42	47	52	57	62	67	72	77	83	90	96	104	112	121	131	142
46+kg	20	26	32	37	42	47	52	57	62	67	72	77	83	90	96	104	112	121	131	142

■ Middle Age ■ Senior Age

Seperation Anxiety

We are seeing an increasing number of dogs suffering from Separation Anxiety. This predominantly occurs in intelligent, highly strung dogs who have a strong bond with their owners and who hate to be left at home alone during the day. These dogs will normally bark and howl, and can sometimes be destructive and work themselves into quite a state.



This is a complex behavioural problem, which fortunately can be overcome with the correct training (of owner and dog!) and medication. I personally have had a childhood pet who suffered from this condition, so I have complete empathy for anyone who is currently dealing with this. Come in for a chat and we can help to restore normality within the household.

THE HOUND HUTT

The Hound Hutt has also kindly offered to provide three days of free doggy day care for any of our patients needing help in this area. Come in to see me to discuss this.

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