



## Pet of the Month:- "Fudge"



This handsome creature is "Fudge" - tucked up warmly for a winter nap! Fudge is one of our much loved regular visitors. Three years ago we diagnosed Fudge with **Diabetes Mellitus** and with a little hard work and lots of dedication from his owners, Fudge has been successfully treated. He is very independent and has made all of our lives slightly more challenging by opting to go on "walk abouts" every now and then for several days at a time - missing his twice daily insulin injections! However - he is definitely a survivor and returns seemingly no worse for wear!

Diabetes Mellitus (DM) is a common disease in cats. It is the cats with the round tummies and the good appetites that are most at risk. It occurs when the pancreas is over stimulated by the levels of glucose in the blood (caused by excessive eating and diets high in carbohydrates) and is unable to produce enough insulin to keep the blood glucose level normal. Eventually the pancreas gets fatigued and produces less and less insulin. The end result is a **very hungry, very thirsty** cat that loses weight no matter how much we feed them.

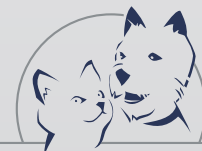
If Diabetes is left untreated, cats can become very ill and will often die. The good news is that when the condition is diagnosed early, it can be effectively managed. The early signs of Diabetes are an **increase in appetite and thirst and concurrent weight loss**. If you recognise any of these signs in your cat we can do a simple blood test to diagnose diabetes and start treatment promptly. Dr Jenny's cat "Aeneus" was diagnosed with diabetes last week and has started treatment successfully.



**Dental Month**



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## Dental Month

**August is Dental month** and once again we are offering **FREE** dental checks for all of our patients as well as 10% off **ALL DENTAL PROCEDURES**. This brings the cost down for dentals for cats to just \$180 and small dogs \$225. Dental health is vitally important for our pets (as it is for us) and often goes unnoticed until their mouths are really bad and start to cause smelly breath.

We will get their mouths back to pearly white and give you free post dental checks throughout the year to help you keep their smiles bright!



Recently "Harper" came in for a dental and this is what her owners had to say:

*"We couldn't believe the improvement in Harper after her dental. She has started playing with her ball again and was willing to play tug of war with us, which she hasn't done for years. We thought she was just getting old. She has been invigorated and now has beautiful breath again - so we don't mind getting her kisses! We noticed such a change in her, that we have booked our other dog in to have his teeth cleaned to!"*



## Chew on this:

Find the following dental terms below:

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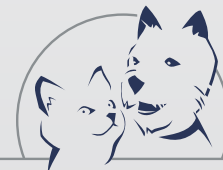
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