

Mackie & Brechin

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New Online Prescription Service

We are delighted to announce the launch of our new online prescription ordering service. From now on you will be able to order repeat medications at any time of day using a simple form on our website and from a link in your reminder emails.

In order to ensure the safety, suitability and effectiveness of medications repeat prescriptions are only available for animals under our care and must have been seen within:

- 3 months for prescription only medicines
- 12 months for non-prescription medicines and routine parasite treatments.

Please allow a full 2 working days before collection.

You can still telephone us on 0131 333 3203 to order your medications if you prefer this method or follow the link in the email to be taken to the new form.

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256 High Street
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Tel for both surgeries:
0131 333 3203
24 hr emergency service

FIREWORKS

Did you know that your dog's hearing is 10 times more sensitive than ours? Unfortunately, 50% of dogs & cats suffer from firework stress and whilst bonfire night can be fun for humans, it can be a very stressful and confusing night for our pets. Statistically more pets are reported missing on Bonfire night than on any other night. Here are some tips to help keep them safe, secure and settled.

Feeding time

Feed your pets a little earlier so that they can eat in peace.

In before dark

Make sure your pets are in before the festivities start

Reduce noise

Drown out the bangs with the TV or radio

Environment

Set your pet up in a room with their favourite things

Walk

Take your dog for an extra long walk in daylight

Organisation

Prepare for 5th November well in advance

Reassurance

Stay with your pet and keep them settled

Kittens & Puppies

Young ones can be extra sensitive to loud noises

Security

Make sure all doors, cat flaps and windows are secured



Cold Weather Aches & Pains

Now that our glorious summer has come to an end and as we move into the colder weather it is common for older pets to start feeling a bit more stiff.

Pets can suffer from arthritis without showing any acute changes such as a limp, but more subtle signs are common and these are often put down to 'just getting old'. Such signs may include a reluctance to go on walks, general slowing down, stiffness when getting up or finding it harder to jump up and down from furniture or the car. Although arthritis can not be cured there are a number of things that we can do to alleviate symptoms and reduce progression resulting in big improvements to quality of life.

Available options include:

Weight control - our highly experienced registered veterinary nurses run free clinics to help your pet lose weight.

Exercise control - exercise should be controlled and consistent with short frequent walks being better than long infrequent ones.

Dietary Supplements - we can advise on the best to use.

Medication - the mainstay of control for most arthritic pets.

Acupuncture - Our vet Michael runs acupuncture clinics which can make a real difference especially to patients for which traditional treatments are not appropriate.

Regenerative Medicine - Our vet Geoff is able to offer this cutting edge treatment to stimulate healing in individual joints.

If you think your pet might be showing signs of arthritis then please make an appointment with one of our vets for a general check over and to discuss what treatment options might be appropriate.

Staff News

We bid a sad farewell to Jo (Vet Nurse) who has been covering maternity leave. Goodbye and Good Luck Jo. We wish you all the best in your new practice.



We say hello again to Lyn, our Head Vet Nurse, who is back from maternity leave.



Congratulations to all of our receptionists on completing a further education course in veterinary dispensing.



Wicket



Simon (veterinary surgeon) has gained 2 new additions to his family - 'Wicket' the Yorkshire Terrier and 'D'hego' (Where d' he go?) the hamster. Both are settling in well and enjoying a diet supplemented with toes (Wicket) and fingers (D'hego)!

D'hego



Charity News



Our current charity fundraiser is to guess Polo's birthday. All proceeds go to Bravehound. Pop into Kirkliston with your guesses. £1 per guess.

USEFUL INFORMATION

Out of Hours

**In case of an accident or genuine emergency, please contact the duty vet on
0131 333 3203.**

**You will then hear a voicemail message giving you the telephone number of
the vet that is on call.**

Prescriptions

**Please allow 48 hours when re-ordering your pet's medication (this includes
all flea and worm treatments). Thank you.**

Pet Healthcare Plan

**The aim of the plan is to provide your pet with the best possible preventative
healthcare, whilst allowing you to spread the cost with affordable monthly
payments throughout the year.**

**Vaccination is extremely important to protect your pet from infectious diseases
and maintain good health; therefore the plan includes annual boosters
(including kennel cough for dogs and feline leukaemia virus for cats).**

**Healthcare Plan members will also benefit from 10% discounts on:
Neutering, Imaging, In-house Blood tests, Surgery, Additional vaccination
(e.g. rabies), Dental work and all food and selected treats.**

**Joining is very straightforward. If you are interested in a simple, affordable way
of protecting your pet's health please ask a member of staff or have a look on
our website (web address below).**



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