



Holiday Opening Hours

Kirkliston Surgery

Closing on Sat 23rd December at 1pm
Opening on Wed 27th December at 8.30am
Closing on Sat 31st December at 1pm
Opening on Wed 3rd January at 8.30am

Linlithgow Surgery

Closing on Sat 23rd December at 10.30 am
Opening on Wed 27th December at 9.00 am
Closing on Sat 31st December at 10.30 am
Opening on Wed 3rd January at 9.00 am

If you need a vet outwith our normal hours please call our out of hours service provider **Vets Now** on

0131 444 0990

or to arrange a video consult go to

www.vets-now.com

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Prescriptions - don't run out!

Please remember to order your prescriptions and food by Wednesday 21 December to be ready for collection by Friday 23 December. As well as by telephone, you can order them online at:

www.mackieandbrechin.co.uk/services/repeat-prescriptions

Cats and Microchipping

By law all puppies must be microchipped and their details entered on a database by 8 weeks of age. At the moment this is not compulsory for cats but that is soon to change in England where, from 10th June 2024, all cats will have to be microchipped by 20 weeks of age. Whilst we are not aware of any planned changes to the law in Scotland this may change in the future.



A microchip is a small capsule about the size of a grain of rice. It carries a number, unique to your pet, that can be read by a special piece of equipment owned by most vets, council authorities and charities. This unique number is registered on a database alongside your details so that you can be contacted should your pet go missing, or there be any question of ownership.

We would therefore recommend that all cats are microchipped for the peace of mind that it provides. Even indoor cats can escape, especially at busy times of year when you may have visitors or big life events such as moving house.

A microchip is implanted with a needle in the same place as a routine vaccination injection. The needle is a little bigger however, so we routinely microchip kittens when they are under an anaesthetic for neutering. In larger cats an anaesthetic is not necessary and the process is normally very well tolerated.

If you have any questions or would like to talk to one of the team about microchipping your pet please call the surgery on 0131 333 3203.



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Dark winter nights

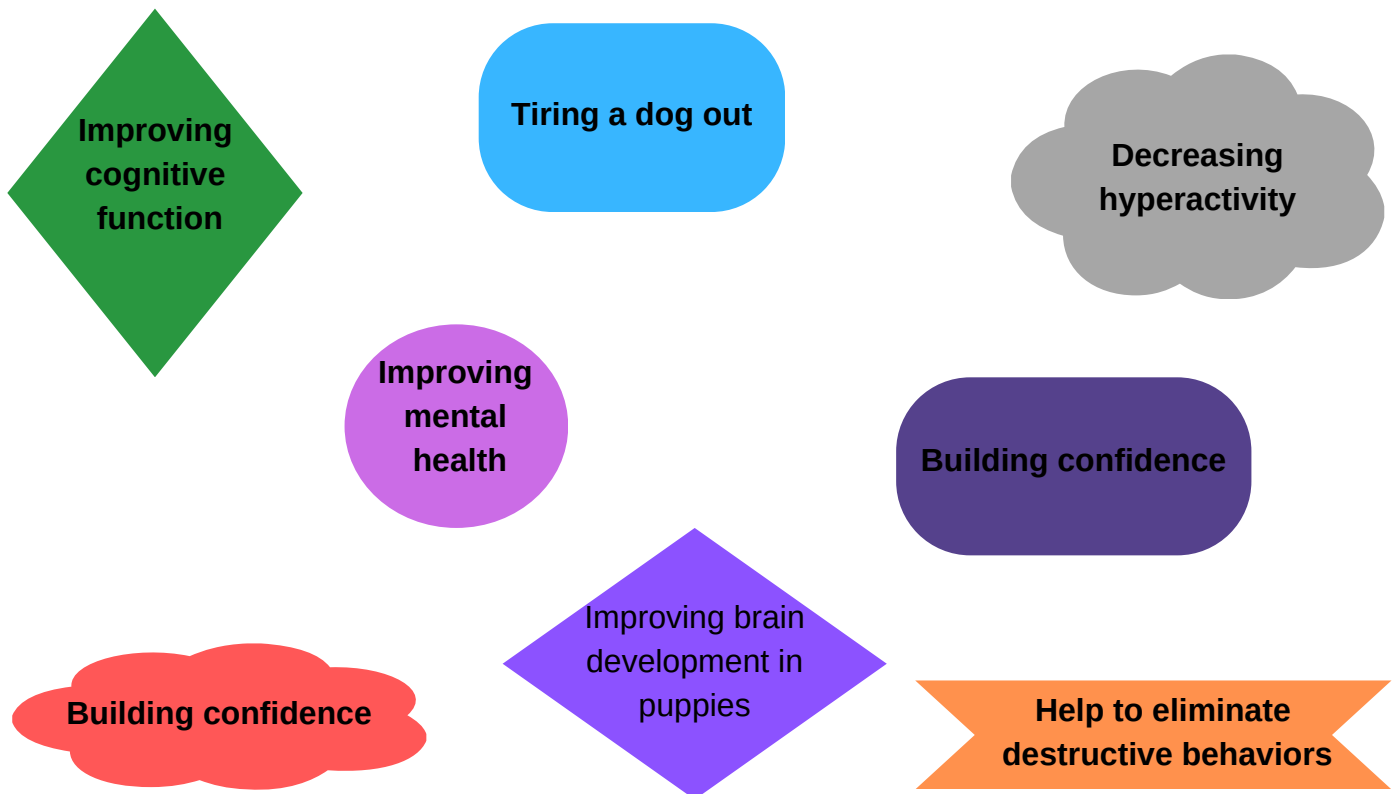
When the days are short and it gets dark earlier, did you know that you can tire your animal without taking them for a long walk?



Mental exercises can actually make animals even more tired than physical exercise. Different activities challenge the mind, and many are also an excellent form of physical exercise too. If your pet is not mentally stimulated, they can become bored and may start to develop a wide range of behavioural problems.

Equipment that can be used include - snuffle mats, stuffed kongs, puzzle games, hide & seek, treats in a frozen towel, hiding catnip in corners of rooms, feather poles, and timed food dispensers.

Some of the benefits of mental stimulation are:



Pet Healthcare Plan

The aim of our Pet Healthcare 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. All plans therefore incorporate **annual boosters** including **kennel cough** for dogs and **feline leukaemia virus** for cats. Parasite prevention, especially worming, is also vital in protecting the health of your pet and family. All treatments should be based on risk and so we have two options for dogs and cats with tick and worming treatments dependent on their lifestyle:

| Dog Healthplan | Yearly Boosters | Kennel Cough | Formulation | Lungworm Protection | Tick Protection |
|----------------|-----------------|--------------|-------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| Standard | ✓ | ✓ | Spot-On | ✓ | 25% discount |
| Alternative | ✓ | ✓ | Tablet | ✓ | ✓ |

| Cat Healthplan | Yearly Boosters | Feline Leukaemia | Worming | Combined Flea/Tick/Worming |
|----------------|-----------------|------------------|---------|----------------------------|
| Indoor | ✓ | ✓ | YEARLY | - |
| Outdoor | ✓ | ✓ | - | 3-MONTHLY |

In addition to the above all plans come with the following benefits:

6 monthly health check

25% discount on 3 monthly med checks for animals on long-term medication

25% discount on tick prevention where required

Unlimited nurse consultations

(eg. weight clinics, nail clips, routine gland clearing)

Text and email reminders

£10 microchipping

10% DISCOUNTS on:

Surgery, Neutering, Imaging, In-house Blood Tests, Additional Vaccinations (eg Rabies), Dental Treatment, Food & Treats, Preventative Healthcare Products

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.



USEFUL INFORMATION

ONLINE PRESCRIPTION ORDERING

Please remember that as well as ordering your prescriptions by telephone, you can now order them online. Go to our website and follow the link on our home page or follow the link below:

www.mackieandbrechin.co.uk/services/repeat-prescriptions

Please remember to give us 2 working days notice before collection.

CHARITY NEWS

We continue to support 'Dementia Dogs'. This is a fantastic charity that train dogs to live at home with families where a person has an early stage diagnosis of dementia and lives with a full-time carer.

We are also raising funds for the Pet Blood Bank and we have and will continue to host donation sessions for the Pet Blood Bank. Our last session was held on 12 November 2023 and they managed to collect blood from 11 dogs. Their next session at our practice will be on Sunday 14 January 2024.

OUT OF HOURS

If you require a vet outside normal opening hours please call 0131 333 3203.

You will hear a message directing you to VetsNow, our out of hours emergency care provider.

Alternatively, up until 11pm you can organise a video call at:
www.vets-now.com/videovet

