



## Planning for good health

### 1. Keep up with routine disease prevention -

Vaccination boosters, regular worming, flea and tick control.

**2. Keep up with Pet Health Insurance** - you'll need it later (typically a significant claim is made every 3 years per insured pet).

**3. Bad Teeth and Gingivitis** - Get the teeth cleaned and polished under anaesthetic regularly-and follow this up with daily teeth brushing if you dog will permit it. Preserve the teeth rather than waiting till they go bad.

**4. Obesity** - Overweight dogs have less fun and live shorter lives. Slim down overweight dogs now. Use "Slentrol" to reduce your dog's appetite.

**5. Behaviour problems** - Lead pulling, hyperactivity, nervousness, aggression etc. - Behaviour problems come in many forms and generally result is an anxious or unhappy dog - we can sort out most problems.

**6. Regular Health Check with the nurse** every 3 months. Our nurses will monitor body condition and guide you through the best preventive health care.

Weight \_\_\_\_\_ Ideal weight \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Notes**

**Visit our website: [www.vet-healthcentre.co.uk](http://www.vet-healthcentre.co.uk)**

*Pet's Name*

## Top Priorities for your Adult Dog



### **PET HEALTH INSURANCE with LIFE COVER**

- Start before there's a medical problem. After 8 yrs of age your pet will be too old to start insurance - and that's when you'll really need it.

**HIGH QUALITY FOOD** - for the best of health feed **HILL'S SCIENCE PLAN ADULT - VETESSENTIALS** *Less hair shedding, less motion, less smell, and much improved health. 90p / day for a 10kg adult.*

**VACCINATION** - Annual Booster injection essential.

Parvovirus, Distemper, Hepatitis, Leptospirosis.

Infectious Bronchitis (Kennel Cough) and Parainfluenza

**WORM 3 monthly with MILBEMAX** (tasty tablets).

**INSECT PARASITE CONTROL** - Monthly all year round.

*To control Fleas & Ticks use **EFFIPRO Spot-On** monthly*

*To control Fleas, Ear Mites, Mange and many other parasites use*

**STRONGHOLD Spot-On** monthly

**Remember to treat all your cats and dogs all year round.**

**NEUTERING** prevents many serious medical problems in both male and female dogs. Also reduces aggression and dominance.

▲ *Identichip & Dew claw removal can be done at the same time.*

**TEETH CARE** - Annual dental polishing under anaesthetic is the best way to keep the teeth and gums healthy + daily teeth brushing if possible.

**WATCH THE WEIGHT** - For overweight dogs feed Hill's R/D. + A regular check-up with our nurses will help you slim your dog successfully.

**idENTICHIP** - Electronic ID - do it today - lasts for life.

**Daisy Street Veterinary Centre, Daisy St. Blackburn (01254) 53622**

Vets: John Davies MRCVS, David Higginson MRCVS, Sam Purcell MRCVS  
Practice Manager: Ruth Swan VN BSc(Hons) PhD

June2011@VHC



## Dog walks down street....

- One flea jumps onto dog.
- Flea lays 1000 eggs that scatter around the house!
- Eggs form into adult fleas in ~ 2 - 4wks.
- One flea can result in 1000 fleas in 4wks



Wise pet owners prevent flea infestation by routine flea prevention

with vet products that work and are safe.

- For Dogs use **EFFIPRO Spot-On** monthly all year round. Each application is 100% effective against fleas and ticks for a month. Treat ALL your dogs and cats - all year round.

### FLEA PROBLEMS

- Skin irritation, Flea allergic dermatitis.
- Fleas carry tapeworms, and several nasty infections that affect pets and humans (Bartonella & Rickettsia).
- Fleas bite humans causing painful sores on the legs.
- Fleas love clean warm homes.

### TICK PROBLEMS

- Ticks transmit nasty diseases that affect pets and humans. (In the UK, Lyme Disease and Anaplasmosis. Across Europe and occ. in UK, Ehrlichiosis, Babesiosis and Hepatozoonosis).
- Ticks can attach to humans.

### Is your dog's behaviour less than perfect?

*A dog is never too old to learn - we can help sort out problems like.....*

**Mouthing? Hyperactive? Destructive?**

**Aggression? Disobedient? Lead Pulling?**

**Messing in the house? Anxiety?**



# Your dog's Healthcare Budget

## Estimated costs per year:

Worming 4 x/year	£20	(£15 - £25)
Flea & Tick Prevention	£80	(£60 - £90)
Annual Booster inc. K.C.	£50	
Health Insurance (PetPlan)	~£200	(inc. with age of dog)
Medical problems not insured	£200	(£0 - £300)
Boarding for 2 wks	£100	(£0 - £200)
Equipment, Toys, Treats	<u>£150</u>	(£50 - £300)
	<b><u>£800</u></b>	

Add the cost of a good quality food e.g. Hill's Science Plan

Small breed	£250 = £1050/year
Medium breed	£400 = £1200/year
Large breed	£550 = £1350/year

+ Once only costs - neutering, dew claw removal, identichip.

## Most Costly Mistakes

- 1) If you don't insure your dog's health you may have costs up to £1000 - £2500 for serious injury or disease.
- 2) If you feed canned food, small tubs or sachets you may be paying twice as much for a poorer quality food.

## Biggest Health Mistakes

- 1) Not sorting out behaviour problems - commonest cause of euthanasia for dogs under 10 yrs of age.
- 2) Obesity - overweight dogs have more medical problems.
- 3) Not neutering - neutering prevents a host of problems.
- 4) Neglecting dental care - bad teeth cause ill health.
- 5) Not vaccinating against fatal diseases.

***Planning ahead prevents problems***