

PRACTICE NEWS

Happy Six Month Anniversary! Our new branch has now been open for six months. During this time we have met lots of new clients, with your new and existing pets, as well as welcoming loyal Rowe clients through our doors because we are a little more convenient for you in location. It has been very exciting and rewarding to help proud new owners of rescue animals or youngsters, through the fun but busy few months at the start of pet ownership. Many of you have taken advantage of our fantastic pet health club; a great financial help for any new pet owner. We are enjoying seeing our young puppies and kittens now reaching their neutering age; it means we get to have lots more cuddles with them when they are here on operation day!

CAT ONLY SESSIONS COME TO FILTON

We are the first practice in North Bristol to open up cat only sessions. We understand that a trip to the vets can be an incredibly stressful time for cats, but there are a few things we can do to reduce that stress.

During our dedicated cat only consulting times, calming classical music will welcome your cat, and no other animal species are booked in (other than walk-in emergencies); eliminating dogs from the waiting room dramatically reduces pre-consultation stress.

We have calming feliway infused blankets for you to cover your cat carrier with whilst you wait. By allowing 15 minutes for each consult, the waiting room shouldn't get crowded, allowing your cat to have their own seat, high up off the floor. Our reception desk has been lowered to accommodate carriers whilst you visit reception; cats feel very vulnerable on the floor.

We have a dedicated cat only consult room, complete with feliway diffuser, litter trays and temperature control. With 15 minute consults, it gives your cat chance to acclimatise to the consultation room, which will give our Vets a better understanding of your cat's health status as it won't be masked by stress.

TUESDAYS 9-11AM FRIDAYS 3-5PM



****SAVE up to 30%****

on restarting your pet's vaccinations

If your dog or cat's vaccinations are out of date, they will need to restart, with two vaccinations 3-4 weeks apart. We are running a vaccination amnesty; you can restart your pet's vaccinations for the price of just one regular booster.

Dogs £39.14 instead of £56.71

Cats £43.92 instead of £66.26

Call to book your restart course. Vaccinations are important to protect both our pets and US against deadly diseases.



Opening Times

Monday - Friday

08:30 – 18:30

Consultation Times

Consultations are by appointment only.

Monday to Friday

9am-11am

2pm - 3pm

4pm - 6.30pm

Cat Only Sessions

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DISEASE FOCUS – LUNGWORM IN DOGS – A FATAL PARASITE

- Lungworm *Angiostrongylus vasorum*, is a parasite that can cause serious health problems in dogs, and can be fatal if not diagnosed and treated.
- Slugs and snails carry lungworm larvae; ingesting slugs, snails and their slime. Small slugs and snails can be accidentally swallowed when drinking from puddles, and playing in or eating grass. Spring - Autumn are peak times for slug and snail activity. Infected dogs then spread the parasite in their poo, onto other snails and slugs ready for other dogs. Foxes can also be infected and so contribute to spread. Frogs are now also a risk.
- Infection in your dog results in signs that may be confused with other illnesses. Breathing problems - coughing and tiring easily. Blood clotting problems – regular nose bleeds, excessive bleeding from small wounds, bleeding in the eye and pale gums. General sickness – weight loss, poor appetite, vomiting and diarrhoea. Behaviour changes – seizures and lethargy.
- Blood tests and poo samples are used to try and diagnose the problem.
- Prevention is better than cure – there are several worming products on the market that require monthly use for full lungworm protection.



Lungworm is spreading at an alarming rate; 1 in 5 vet practices have now seen clinical cases.

Please phone to arrange a free weigh and worm consultation to discuss your dog's lungworm control. Lungworm preventative treatment is included on our Pet Health Club Schemes.



Spread the cost of your pet's routine healthcare over the year with this value-for-money scheme:

- Two health checks per year
- Primary vaccination courses and boosters
- Flea and worm treatments
- Nail clipping
- Microchip or £10 voucher
- Cost price food
- Discounts on neutering - 20% off standard procedure, 10% off laparoscopic procedure
- Discounts on dentistry, pet shop sales and more.

Visit our [website](#) for more information, or call in at Filton and sign up today.

RECOMMEND US TO A FRIEND

and YOU'LL get £10 off your next visit!

We really appreciate it when you recommend us and we want to say thank you for doing so.

All you need to do is collect a form next time you are at our Filton branch, pop your details in, give it to your friend and when they present it to us at Filton during their first consultation or vaccination, YOU will get £10 credit against a consultation, vaccination or microchip.

The voucher must be used within 12 months of the date recorded. It cannot be used in conjunction with any other offer. Offer applies per client recommended, not per pet.