

Tara's Troubles

Staffordshire bull terrier Tara, has been a patient of Cherrydown Vets since she was a puppy. Now nine years old, poor Tara has experienced many health problems during her life, including a chronic skin condition and arthritis of the elbows. She is a lovely dog, and her owner is keen to ensure that her conditions are kept under control, so Tara can live the happy and fulfilling life that she deserves. Thankfully, her owner had the forethought to insure Tara from a young age, which has proved to be a very good decision

indeed, as these conditions have been long-term over much of her life. The cost of ongoing treatment can soon mount up over the years, and Tara's owner can concentrate on doing what is best for her rather than worry about the veterinary bills. If you are considering insuring your pet, it is important to opt for a Cover for Life policy. On many occasions, Tara has stayed overnight at Cherrydown. Her owner has peace of mind knowing that we provide a 24-hour resident nurse, who will see to her every need throughout the night - most veterinary practices do not provide this level of care.

Tara is also currently reaping the rewards of a new service that we are offering here at Cherrydown - **Physiotherapy with animal physiotherapist, Nisha Vaja**. The aim of this is to restore and maintain function, mobility, performance and help to relieve pain and discomfort of her arthritis. The treatment involves massage, range of motion exercises and the use of physiotherapy equipment; pulsed electromagnetic field therapy machine, red and blue light phototherapy, and so far after two appointments her range of movements has improved. If you think your pet would benefit from this service, please arrange to speak to one of our vets.



A New Service at Cherrydown



We are pleased to announce that we are now offering **animal physiotherapy provided by Nisha Vaja from Paws & Hooves Animal Physiotherapy.**

Cherrydown hours

Basildon

Consultations by appointment

Mon to Fri 8am - 8pm

Sat 9am - 12noon

Stanford le Hope

No appointment necessary - just turn up

Mon to Fri 9am - 11.30am

5.30pm - 6.30pm

Sat 10.30am - 11.30am

Wickford

No appointment necessary

Mon, Tues & Fri 9am - 10am

2.30pm - 3.30pm

5.30pm - 6.30pm

Wed & Thurs 9am - 10am

5.30pm - 6.30pm

Sat 9am - 10am

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**24hr 7day
Emergency Service**

Physiotherapy can help in the management of:

- Rehabilitation following muscular and skeletal injuries
- Rehabilitation post surgery
- Pain relief
- Arthritis
- Tendon and ligament injuries
- Orthopaedic injuries
- Neurological diseases
- Muscle wastage
- Poor movement and mobility issues
- Skin infections or injuries



Don't Forget!

With the increasing appearance of lungworm cases, ensure your pet is fully protected. Please ask for further details on treatments against this parasite.





Guidelines for Pets

Gardens

Animals are inquisitive, so store and use all garden products wisely.

Heat **NEVER** leave your pet in the car, or in closed conservatories at home. Both reach oven like temperatures! Provide plenty of fresh clean drinking water. Pets can suffer from heatstroke or dehydration very quickly, which can sadly be fatal.

If you see signs of increased panting, excessive salivation, anxiousness, vomiting or lethargy, call us immediately for advice.

Sun Sunblock the tips of white cats' ears. Regulate your pet's time spent in the sun. Ensure animals have access to shady areas. Exercise dogs in the cooler morning or evening air.

Provide a shady area for guinea pigs & rabbits. Ensure exercise runs are placed away from flowers and foliage, as some species can be poisonous to your pets if eaten.

Inspect your rabbit's bottom once or twice a day for the condition of 'flystrike'. Flies can lay eggs in this area and hatching maggots eat the skin and underlying tissue. It can be fatal, so if you suspect this problem, quickly bring your pet to the surgery, as they will require immediate veterinary attention.

It's B-B-Q time, so ensure bone debris is carefully disposed of, as these can get lodged in your pet's mouth, throat and stomach.



ITCHING skin is one of the most common symptoms we see in dogs and cats. Dogs will scratch themselves, but cats tend to lick and groom more when they are itchy. Both will lead to sore skin and infections if not managed. Speak to your vet if your pet is itchier than he should be. It is usually caused either by an allergy or a parasitic infection.

INSULIN Did you know that if your pet is diagnosed with diabetes, he might be able to live a long and happy life with daily insulin injections? Diabetes causes increased thirst and appetite, with severe weight loss and can be fatal if not treated properly.

JAUNDICE (yellow coloration) If a furry pet develops this, it can be hard to see but it is most obvious on the gums and whites of the eyes. Jaundice is a very serious symptom and should always be checked out by a vet!

JOINTS Creaky old joints are a common source of chronic pain in our older pets. Sometimes people put it down to 'just old age', but we have lots of excellent treatment options for arthritis now, so speak to us if your pet is slowing down or getting stiffer and reluctant to jump. It can be hard to tell how much pain they are in unless you treat it! And remember, cats get arthritis too!

Lily Blunder at Premiere

With my job as a high profile reporter, I'm always receiving invites to cover various events. Glitzy, very enjoyable and a perk of the job one might say! Last week I attended the film premiere of 'Cats and the City' and on arrival, found the venue adorned with lilies, which I have to say actually made me feel quite faint. Indeed a beautiful flower, but if you are a cat, you need to steer well clear of them! So I hasten to report to you all about the dangers of Lilies. Every part of this plant is a threat to us felines, the stem, leaves, flowers, stamen and the pollen. The Tiger, Stargazer, Easter, Rubrum, Japanese and Asiatic Lily, to name but a few in the Liliaceae Family, are highly poisonous to cats.

By nature, felines are inquisitive creatures, especially the young and in particular kittens. In my line of work news travels fast. There have been reports of unfortunate illness and sadly in some cases fatalities, from fallen pollen licked off coats and paws whilst grooming, to lily flowers and leaves bitten at playfully in the garden, or as they sit in a vase indoors. It only takes just a small amount of this plant to be swallowed, to cause vomiting, lethargy, breathing difficulties, depression and loss of appetite. If you recognise any of these symptoms, or even suspect that your cat has been in contact or eaten any part of a lily, please take them straight to a vet for immediate treatment, as lily poisoning can cause acute kidney failure. The sooner treatment can begin the better, to help reduce the risk of permanent damage to the kidneys. So to all you cat owners out there, play it safe and avoid having lilies in your house or garden. This was Carrie Cat reporting for Cherrydown Vets News.



Carrie Cat
reporter
extraordinaire!

Contact us for further information on substances, food and plants, which are poisonous to pets, or visit www.rspca.org.uk/poisoning or www.vpisuk.co.uk

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