Our pet's eyes, ears, paws and under arms are common sites for the seeds to attach themselves and cause a lot of damage.

Regular checking of your pets, especially if you have been in grassy areas, is necessary to avoid problems occurring. If left unnoticed significant damage can occur.

If you suspect your pet has a grass



Sunblock FiltaClear is a totally clear, protective antibacterial sunblock cream that acts as a natural second skin.















There is nothing better than relaxing in the sun and having a well earned cat nap!

Because of my white ears and nose my humans make sure that I'm well protected from skin cancer by applying FiltaClear. It's a Sun Block specially designed for animals to be non-toxic, unlike the human stuff. They think I'm worth the effort ... and I agree!

I am lucky because my humans are working right through, and available 24/7 to look after me.

Are your humans going on holiday? Who have they got to look after you?

All the best for 2022 everyone Cotton





FREE Hexton 100% **Beeswax Candle** when you

purchase any Advantage, Advocate or Seresto Flea Treatment.



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Pet Bed with every purchase of BlackHawk 20kg Puppy & Dog Food



Our pets are putting on too much weight!







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Because your pet deserves the very best!

Ditch the Itch this summer!

Spring and summer mark a time of increased itchiness in dogs. Not only does the flea population explode, so does the pollen count which can trigger allergic reactions in sensitive dogs.

Pollen allergies tend to manifest as itchy skin and is known as atopy. Atopic reactions can be caused by allergens like grasses, dust mites, moulds, storage mites and even the dog's own yeast.

The typical signs are itching/scratching/licking/rubbing/chewing one or more of the following areas: feet, groin, under the tail, axillas (armpits), neck, ears, and face.

Because these are allergic reactions, we can't cure the disease, only manage it.

Avoidance is the best method, but of course to achieve that we need to know what to avoid, and given that pollen allergy is so common, this may not be possible.

When we don't know what the animal is allergic to, the traditional treatment is with steroids which dampen down the immune response but can have potential side effects, some of which can be quite serious. Newer treatments include **Apoquel**, a daily anti-itch tablet that doesn't have the side effects that steroids can have, or **Cytopoint**, an anti-itch injection given monthly.

If you're pet is suffering from seasonal itchiness then come and see us at the Veterinary Centre to see if these products will be effective.



ACVM A011348 (10mg) ACVM A011443 (20mg) ACVM A011444 (30mg) ACVM A011445 (40mg)



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New Pet OWNERS



We all love our pets ... sometimes better than humans!

If you have a new pet then come down to the clinic and check out the wide range of health products, food and accessories. Important to consider worm and flea treatments, and introduce your new pet to the staff ... we love a hold!

We can get your details and get you signed up so if you need us we already have your information.

Drontal® ALLWORMER

One of the most effective worming treatment for puppies and dogs of all ages. Ask at the counter.



Roundworm, Hookworm, Whipworm and Tapeworm







Our pets are putting on too much weight!

In association with Royal Canin we have put together a programme for overweight pets! It's very easy to follow and get your pets back to an ideal weight range for their optimum health.

Weigh-In – Bring your pet in and we'll organise an initial weigh-in, and get them loaded on to the Royal Canin Weight Management app. This will give us an indication of your pets goal weight and feeding guidelines.



- **Starter Info Pack** We have a small starter pack which includes your booklet and some information to get you started.
- 3 10% OFF Satiety Diet
 - Purchase your Royal Canin Satiety Diet at 10% OFF for each purchase during the first 3 months.



- Fortnightly Weigh-In Bring your pet back every fortnight to get weighed in. We can monitor the progress in the app. and tweak the feeding programme if required.
- Prizes Your pet will receive prizes as it hits 25%, 50%, 75% and 100% of it's targeted weight loss ... and gets to it's ideal weight.

The best prize is a healthy animal!

Weight Management Keeping our pets healthy

• OBESITY IS THE #1 health threat pets face

■ 68% OF PET OWNERS do not follow guidelines when deciding on portion sizes

MORE THAN 50% of pets are overweight or obese

Excess weight can decrease your pets life expectancy by UP TO 2.5 YEARS

9 OUT OF 10 overweight pet owners mistakenly identify their pets weight as normal

Essential Holiday Advice

5 things to consider this Holiday Season!

VACCINATIONS

Keep your pets healthy with a current vaccination, a must if leaving your pet in a cattery or kennel over the holidays. Routine flea and worm treatment is also advisable.



MEDICATIONS

Don't let your pets prescription medication run out over the holidays, we need at least 24 hours to process requests. Also consider anti-nausea medication for longer trips.

MICROCHIPPING

Don't lose your pet these holidays! Legally all domestic dogs should be microchipped, but you can also microchip your cat.

HEATSTROKE

Make sure your pets don't overheat - especially if traveling in the car.
Make frequent stops and NEVER leave your pet unattended in a hot car. Always have access to water and shade.

JUNK FOOD

Keep all chocolate, wrapping, cakes, ribbons, string etc away from your pet! These should be kept for the humans of the family!





