

Scott Veterinary Clinic

News

Winter
2017/18

Winter Watchlist

What a colourful Autumn we've had this year! We're keeping our fingers crossed for an equally beautiful Winter. Who knows, we may even have a visit from the Snow Man this Winter too.. It's a lovely time of year to be out and about, especially when you can wrap up warm. It's at this time of year though your pets might benefit from wrapping up too! Your garden fish, rabbits and Guinea pigs all need a helping hand, even the hardest of hounds can benefit from an extra Winter layer. Just like snowflakes, no two animals are the same so consider the needs for each and try to plan ahead. Extra bedding and hutch insulation may benefit your outdoor small furries. Consider changing the position of the hutch for more shelter if necessary and check at least twice a day to ensure their water bottle doesn't freeze. Providing your ornamental fish are well established they should be just fine and are likely already preparing themselves for winter. Dog coats and reflective/illuminated collars and tags are available in our shop to ensure your walking buddy stays safe! Please ask one of our team for more information.

Opening hours

(excluding Bank Holidays)



Bedford:

Mon-Fri 08.30-19.00

Sat 09.00-17.00

Sun 09.00-12.00

405 Goldington Road

MK41 0DS

01234 261622

Sharnbrook:

Mon & Weds 09.00-19.00

Tues/Thur & Fri 09.00-17.00

Sat/Sun Closed

44 High Street

MK44 1PF

01234 782204

Wixams:

Mon/Weds & Fri 09.00-17.00

Tues & Thurs 09.00-19.00

Sat/Sun Closed

(next to Garden Centre)

Bedford Road

MK45 3HU

01234 742423

Please specify your vet and branch preference when booking your appointment.

OUT OF HOURS

We provide our own 24hr emergency service on site at our Bedford branch.

In the case of an emergency call
07767 641753

BE AWARE of the interest your pet might show towards Christmas decorations, lights and gifts. Where possible try not to leave your pet unattended whilst these potential temptations are around. Many festive food treats and houseplants are highly toxic to pets. Tinsel and turkey bones are often of particular interest but these pose a significant hazard if ingested so take care to keep these out of reach too. Avoid putting chocolate treats on or under the Christmas tree, as dogs have super sensitive smell and will hunt them out however well wrapped they may be.



ANTIFREEZE is highly toxic. Puddles in garages and on driveways are potentially lethal drinking places for your pet. Clean up spills and don't let your pet drink from puddles.

If you are concerned your pet may have eaten something toxic contact us immediately! Take note of the substance/ingredients as this information can help determine what we use to provide treatment.

TOXIC HOLIDAY PLANTS

They may be pretty, but some holiday plants are poisonous—even deadly. As little as a single leaf from any lily variety is lethal to cats.

Others to avoid: Christmas tree pine needles can produce oral irritation, vomiting, diarrhoea, lethargy, trembling and hind limb weakness. Holly, commonly found during the Christmas season, can cause intense vomiting, diarrhoea and depression. Mistletoe can cause significant vomiting and diarrhoea, difficulty breathing, collapse, erratic behaviour, hallucinations and death when ingested. Poinsettias can cause irritation to the mouth and stomach and can cause vomiting.



TOWEL DRY your pet after a walk. Cold, damp coats keeps their joints colder for longer which can lead to stiffness and discomfort, especially in elderly arthritic patients. Placing their beds near a warm radiator will provide extra warmth and comfort on those cold nights.



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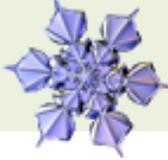


The Petplan Veterinary awards – have you cast your vote?

Petplan has worked closely with the veterinary profession for over 40 years and sees first hand each day the fantastic work that goes on in veterinary practices across the UK.

Keeping customers happy and pets healthy is a team effort from the receptionist and support staff right through to the vets and nurses themselves. These awards provide an opportunity for pet owners to recognise the hard work and dedication of veterinary staff and say 'thank you'. There's still time to register your vote – visit <http://www.petplan.co.uk/vetawards/> **Nominations close on the 10th January 2018.**

Thank you.



Nurse Appointments

Scott Veterinary Clinic has a fantastic nursing team offering a variety of appointments from claw clips, health checks and weight clinics to Junior club, pet behaviour and help with medication. Appointments are available across our 3 sites at selected times. Please give us a call to arrange your visit: 01234 261622



Is your pet on regular medication?

We require at least 48 hours notice to process repeat prescription requests. You can order your pet's prescription by using our online request form or just give us a call and speak to one of our reception team.



Out of Hours Emergency Service

The Scott Veterinary Clinic team are committed to providing professional and compassionate care for your pet 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. Here your pet will always be treated in familiar surroundings and by The Scott Veterinary Clinic's own staff. All out of hours emergencies are treated at our Bedford premises. In the case of an emergency, please Call 01234 261622 or 07767 641753, remember to have a pen and paper ready in case you are given specific care instructions.

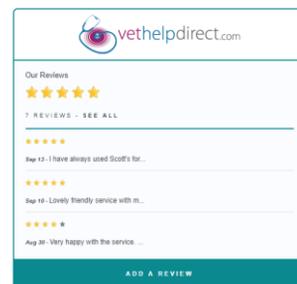
We welcome your feedback

It is important to us that we hear your views and listen to your suggestions. We use your feedback to help us improve our service for you and your pets.

You can do this in a number of different ways:

- You can use our website online feedback form. Here you will also find our Operation Satisfaction Survey form
- Email admin@scottveterinaryclinic.co.uk with your comments
- Post a review on our Facebook page @ScottsVets

You will also find a widget on the Bedford page of our website:



And of course you can always phone or write us a letter.

We are committed to providing compassionate and professional care for your pets

With your help we can achieve great things!

Thank you,

Scott Veterinary Clinic Team



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