

Scott Veterinary Clinic



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Winter
2018

Opening hours

(excluding Bank Holidays)

Bedford:

Mon-Fri 08.00-19.00

Sat 09.00-17.00

Sun 09.00-12.00

405 Goldington Road

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01234 261622

Sharnbrook:

Mon 09.00-19.00

Tues, Thurs & Fri 09.00-17.00

Weds 09.00-19.00

Sat/Sun Closed

44 High Street

MK44 1PF

01234 782204

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Mon, Weds & Fri 09.00-17.00

Tues & Thurs 09.00-19.00

Sat/Sun Closed

(next to Garden Centre)

Bedford Road

MK34 3HU

01234 742423

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

Emergency Service

We provide our own 24hr emergency cover on site.

In the case of an emergency call

01234 261622

or 07767 641753

Winter Watch

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 hardiest 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.

How to help Robin and his friends this winter



Here are a few things you can try that are inexpensive and practical:

- Allow an area in your garden to remain undisturbed. Piles of leaves & wood can make an ideal home for a variety of insects and small mammals. Slowworms, snakes, frogs and toads like an unkempt area like a compost heap to keep warm and safe.
- Provide a variety of bird seed and feeders to attract different species of birds and place them in an undisturbed and safe location.
- Water baths are more commonplace for birds but perhaps consider a ground level water dish for 4 legged wildlife (check regularly for freezing).



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.



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.



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Could my cat have dental disease?

What should I look out for?

- Bad breath
- No interest in food/reluctance to eat
- Chewing with obvious caution or discomfort
- Dropping food from the mouth
- Difficulty swallowing
- Dribbling
- Pawing at mouth
- Shaking head
- Weight loss (from inappetence)
- Inability to groom
- Bleeding from mouth



If your cat is showing signs of mouth pain or you can see your cat has tartar and inflamed gums, you should seek veterinary advice as soon as possible. Dental disease can be very unpleasant. Here at Scott's we can effectively treat the symptoms and help to relieve the associated pain. We will advise you on the most suitable treatment and also provide information on, and demonstrate, how to care for your pets teeth at home. Performed under general anaesthetic, de-scaling polishing and, where necessary, tooth extraction are regularly performed here by vets experienced in animal dentistry.



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 pets 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.

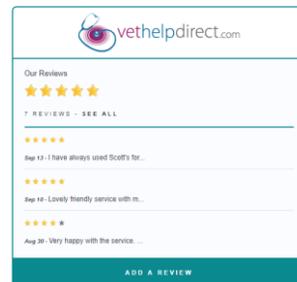
We welcome your feedback

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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