

## Frequently Asked Questions



### Companion animals

#### **At what age can my puppy be vaccinated?**

Puppies can be vaccinated from 8 weeks old. They require a course of 2 vaccinations, 2 weeks apart. They can go out in public places 1 week after the second injection.

#### **At what age can my kitten be vaccinated?**

Kittens can be vaccinated from 9 weeks old. They require a course of 2 vaccinations 3 weeks apart.

#### **How often should my pet be vaccinated?**

When an animal has completed the primary course, it requires annual booster vaccinations to ensure antibody levels are adequate. Kennel cough is also given as one annual booster but does not require a primary course.

#### **At what age can my rabbit be vaccinated?**

Rabbits can be vaccinated from 6 weeks old. They require one primary injection and annual booster vaccinations thereafter.



#### **How often should I worm my animals?**

Adult cats and dogs should be wormed every 3 months. For puppies and kittens, we recommend worming them every 2 weeks until they are 12 weeks old, then every 4 weeks until they are 6 months old, then every 3 months thereafter.



#### **How often should I treat my animals for fleas?**

This can vary between flea treatment brands so we would advise you check with a member of staff. However, most of the treatments we sell last between 4-8 weeks.

#### **How old should my pet be when it is microchipped?**

Animals can be microchipped at any age.

#### **At what age can my dog be neutered?**

Male dogs can be castrated from 9 months old. Bitches can be spayed at 6 months of age if requested, however we usually advise to allow them to have a first season, to ensure proper development of their genitals. They are neutered 3-4 months after a season.

#### **At what age can my cat be neutered?**

Male and female cats can be neutered from 6 months of age. We can do them slightly earlier under special circumstances.



### **At what age can my rabbit be neutered?**

Male and female rabbits can be neutered from 4 months of age.

## **Equine**

### **At what age can my horse be vaccinated?**

Horses should be vaccinated from 5 months old, with a second vaccination 4-6 weeks later and for influenza a third dose is required 6 months later. Annual boosters are required thereafter.

NOTE – if these dates are exceeded by a day then, under Jockey Club rules, the course will have to be restarted.



### **At what age can my colt be castrated?**

From a year old. We would advise to avoid performing the operation during the fly season, to reduce the chance of infection.

### **How often should I worm my horse?**

This can vary between brands, therefore we recommend checking with a member of staff, however we would advise worming every 3 months for roundworms and treating for tapeworm in the Spring and Autumn.

There is increasing evidence to show worms are developing resistance to the wormers available, this is, in part, due to overworming. Therefore to try to reduce this, we recommend performing a faecal worm egg count, prior to administering treatment, to ensure your horse does need to be treated. All we require is a small sample of pooh and we can even provide the pot! In addition, picking up droppings in the field can remarkably reduce the worm burden.

