

Wildlife and Stray Fund

The fund raises money to treat stray animals and wildlife. It allows us to continue giving gold standard care to all animals. Please keep an eye out for any Hedgehogs hiding in unlit bonfires. Hedgehogs should weigh over 650g in order to survive the winter. If you find a smaller one or one in trouble do please contact us or a wildlife rescue (e.g. Folly Wildlife Rescue - 01892 543 213).



Arthritis Awareness Continued...

Treatment options include:

- **Weight loss** - as with people, weight is one of the biggest factors influencing arthritis. The leaner your pet, the less stress put on the joints and the slower the progression of disease.
- **Joint supplements / joint diets** - these help improve the joint environment.
- **Routine consistent exercise** - multiple small walks a day are much better than one long one to keep the joints moving.
- **Physiotherapy** - improves the muscle movement around the joints and reduces tension to help movement. We have our own on site physiotherapist Stephanie Wilson ACPAT.
- **Hydrotherapy** - to increase muscle mass to help support joints in a controlled manner combined with physiotherapy.
- **Non steroidal anti-inflammatories** - medication to reduce inflammation and improve joint movement.
- **Surgical** options.



Our pets deserve the best quality of life no matter their age. Lets make this Christmas the best one yet for them. If you are concerned your pet may be starting to suffer the effects of ageing then please contact us for advice on **01732 452332** (Dunton Green)

Fireworks

Fireworks are still in full flow as we celebrate the New Year and Christmas. Here are some top tips to help keep your pet calm during these scary times:



- Provide a den to hide in.
- Keep all animals indoors with doors, windows and curtains shut.
- Continue with the normal evening routine or keep the TV/radio on.
- Pheromones - natural chemicals acting to reduce fear and anxiety. Ideally these need to be put in place several weeks before the onset of the fireworks. We have a selection of collars, sprays and diffuser sets for all species - **please ask for further details.**
- Elands Calming Support - this contains ingredients to help reduce anxiety in dogs and cats. Ideally start a few days before the event.
- Anxiety coats - close fitting coats which apply gentle compression to help the animal feel safe and secure.



Stronger medications are available upon



discussion with your vet for more serious cases. **Loud noise anxiety is a stressful thing to combat - if you want some advice on the most appropriate options for your pet please do contact us on 01732 452 333.**

CHRISTMAS DANGERS

Christmas is a wonderful time of year; however hidden dangers lurk for our pets.



Things to watch out for this (and every!) Christmas are:

- Chocolate
- Raisins/sultanas/grapes - (e.g: Christmas cake, mince pies)
- Onions and garlic,
- Tinsel and small presents/decorations,
- Flowers - Christmas plants such as Holly, Poinsettia and Lilies.



If you see your pet ingest any of the above please contact your vet immediately. It would be very helpful to show your vet the packaging and have a rough idea of the quantity eaten.



Cat Friendly Clinic

New to Elands! Introducing our new Cat Ward...

Our new cat ward is well away from any noisy dogs. The kennels are extra spacious, lifted off the floor with plenty of hidey places to ensure all our visiting cats feel safe and secure.

Our new cat ward ensures all our visiting cats; whether it be just for a blood sample/claw clip or hospital stay, feel as comfortable as they can away from the smell and noise of our lovely canine companions.



CHRISTMAS DRINKS:

Date for your Diary : 6th DECEMBER 2018 at 7pm

Elands are getting into the Christmas spirit once again and holding a meet and greet with the staff to which all are welcome. So put the date in your diary and join us for drinks, Christmas cheer and a charity bake sale. You will also get a behind the scenes tour and a viewing of our **brand new cat ward!** Funds will go towards our Stray and Wildlife Fund.



MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM THE ELANDS FAMILY!



