

Hamilton Update

It's Pet Check Season— Our Special Offer!

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Most vets recommend pets are regularly vaccinated and have a check up every six months in order to lead a long and healthy life. Since pets age 6 to 7 years for every human year, it's equivalent to having a visit to your doctor and dentist every three years!

A check up involves a full thorough clinical examination Blood and urine screening will further quantify and monitor a pets health.

Urine and blood tests

Blood and urine screening is aimed at providing a catch-all of tests that will identify most common diseases. A "normal" blood and



urine screen provides great comfort regarding a pet's health.

Our Spring Special offer

To help you to have full peace of mind that tyour pet is as healthy as it

appears, we offer:

Every dog or cat booked in for a health check (not already under treatment) will receive a 30% discount on a blood and urine screen.

These results will be run in house and we will have results within 48 hours of your appointment

This consult will allow a chance for you to raise any concerns you may have regarding your pets health.

We will also give you a 20% discount on flea and worming products collected at this consultation.

Book now to avoid missing out.

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Brave Pet of the year

Our finalists this year were : Spit the collie with his tail injury, from our St John's Wood clinic, Lucy the dog from our Finchley clinic, and Fuzzypeg the African pygmy hedgehog from our Primrose Hill clinic. Lucy was attacked by two Akitas who broke through the fence of her garden. Thankfully she managed to get away but not



before her owner also

got bitten.

Lucy was rushed straight down to our clinic, very shaken. An examination revealed the the full extent of her injuries which needed extensive cleaning and suturing.

Lucy was very lucky and deserves the title of Brave Pet of the year.

Exotic Vet

Hamilton Vets is pleased to announce that Frank Seddon has passed his further qualifications in exotic animal medicine and surgery. This not only means he can add more letters to the end of his name but also that he is fully able to deal with any weird and wonderful problems with your weird and wonderful pets! The year long course covers species from piranha to prairie dog,

and lizard to lemur. We will also be fitting out our Finchley clinic to allow for appropriate hospitalisation of your animals. Wednesday afternoons will be when we try to see the majority of exotic consultations, in order to have the appropriately trained staff in the correct clinic. Frank is of course still available for routine consultations in the Palmers Green and Finchley clinics in order to allow for us to offer the highest standard of exotic pet care.



Please send in your pets photos to go in our 2012 Hamilton vets Photo album

Your Questions Answered

Q— What are the new pet travel rules??

A— **Dogs, cats and pet ferrets** entering the UK from an EU or listed third country from **January 1, 2012** must:

- be microchipped;
- be vaccinated against rabies;
- have waited 21 days after vaccination before entering the UK
- have an EU Pet Passport.

The requirement to carry out a **blood test followed by a six-month wait before entry** into the UK will no longer be required. From January 1 pets entering from a non-listed third country must **pass a blood test 30 days after vaccination followed by a three-month wait.**

The UK and Ireland have had derogations from EU pet travel rules to allow for additional controls to protect against rabies, ticks and tapeworms. Vaccination programmes in wildlife in mainland Europe have now allowed the UK to consider whether additional rabies controls are still necessary.

The take home message is that whilst entering the UK with your pet has become a lot easier there are still rules in place which need to be followed. From most EU countries there is a requirement to visit a vet on the continent prior to return.

Our strong advice is that due to the changing (and changeable) nature of policy we recommend checking with DEFRA (www.defra.gov.uk) prior to travel in order to ensure you have a stress free trip!

