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Veterinary Surgeons

Having your pet vaccinated

Does your pet need to be vaccinated?

Vaccination is very important for cats and dogs – it protects them from all sorts of nasty diseases that could make them very ill and even kill them. If you haven't had your pet vaccinated yet, don't worry – just make sure you talk to one of our vets about it soon.

How is a vaccination given?

Usually a vaccination is given by injection under the skin, although in the case of Kennel Cough vaccine it is squirted into the dog's nose. Some animals feel some discomfort, but this rarely lasts for long.

Will one vaccination be enough?

No - most certainly not. Both cats and dogs will need regular booster vaccinations throughout their lifetimes. This is very important, and we will send you booster vaccination reminders as and when necessary to help you to remember to bring your pet in. One of our vets will take this opportunity to give your pet a free health check at the same time – so it is important you do remember to take your pet along when the booster is due.

Why is a booster necessary?

Although our pets will develop a lasting immunity to the infections against which they are vaccinated, research has shown that this immunity is not lifelong and regular booster vaccinations are necessary to maintain protection.

When you get your pet home from having its vaccination...

...you can let your pet have a sleep if it wants to, but it will probably feel fine. Feed and water it as usual. It may be a little subdued for a few hours, but this should pass very soon.

Make a note on your calendar...

...to take your pet back for its booster in 12 months time – it is far too easy to forget, and your pet will be at risk if you do.

Molly doesn't like getting dirty

No, but I do sniff poo



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If you're not sure how to do it – phone us up – we'll talk you through it!