



Rutland Veterinary Centre

What's new for 2021

PETS APP

The new year sees the launch of PETS app. This is a FREE downloadable app, working similar to WhatsApp and communicates directly with someone in our branches. You are able to book appointments, order medication and get personalised pet care advice. We can use this for video consultations, send you videos and pictures of your pets in our hospitals, and you can even save time by paying securely through the app, all without leaving your home. Our lovely team of receptionists will still be available to answer your calls by the more traditional method.

NEW BRANCH FOR CORBY

Our brand new branch on Priors Hall Park, Corby opens in February. Veterinary surgeon and branch manager Sade Adeleye and veterinary nurse Helen Flower will head up the team. The branch will have two consulting rooms, a well equipped theatre and prep, separate dog and cat hospitals along with in-house diagnostics including digital x-ray, ultrasound and laboratory facilities. There is plenty of car parking too.

24 HOUR EMERGENCY HOSPITAL

Whilst we currently provide a 24 hours emergency call out service, in February our Uppingham branch will be staffed 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Staffed by our own vets and dedicated night nurses this will enable us to provide more intensive care to our most poorly inpatients and respond faster to emergencies.

BOOKING ONLINE!

For convenience clients can now book appointments on line at our Uppingham branch by logging onto our website www.rutlandvets.co.uk and following the link. Booking online for our other branches will be coming soon.



Oakham

2020... What a year for our practice!

We started the year with a move to our brand new premises in Barleythorpe, having a fantastic open day to show everyone around. Then Covid hit and unfortunately we had to move our clinical work to our Uppingham site. Once back open in May we've been super busy, all but working in a slightly different way to what we are all used to.

The pandemic has meant a new way of consulting, having you all waiting outside whilst your pets are taken inside to be examined. We thank you for your patience throughout this all and want to guarantee that whilst you may not be inside with them, your pets are being spoilt rotten and looked after as if they were our own. We hope that we can have you all back in the practice in the not too distant future and fingers crossed mask-free too.

As well as the pandemic we have seen a few other changes with our team having welcomed Jodie as an additional nurse, Jayme as our animal care assistant and welcomed back Jodie our receptionist after her maternity leave.

Not only have we had the addition of Riley in January (Jodie's little boy), our nurse Lisa welcomed a little girl into the world with the birth of Rosie.

We are open throughout the festive period for all your pets needs with bank holiday out of hours cover at our Uppingham Branch. We hope you all have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Christmas Elf & Safety

O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree

To an adventurous cat or puppy, your twinkling Christmas tree with its tinsel looks like a tantalising playground. Consider securing it so it can't be toppled over.

Avoid using chemical Christmas tree preservatives which can be toxic specially to cats who often love lapping up water from the tree stand.

Glass baubles can cut sensitive paws.

Paws off

Dried currants, raisins and sultanas found in mince pies and Christmas puddings can leave cats and dogs really very ruff. Blue cheese and macadamia nuts also give dogs tummy trouble.

Play safe with string

Turkey string looks and smells tasty, but it can be dangerous if swallowed. Try to dispose of it in a secure bin.

Be clever with candles

Position them where fluffy tails won't fan the flames.

Provide a quiet retreat

Cats, dogs and indoor small furries can find noise and excitement overwhelming, so offer an option of a stress-free space, away from loud music and Christmas crackers.

Outdoor pets

Provide shelter

It's important to prepare enclosures for winter to keep out wind & rain. If the temperature plunges bring pets into a shed or garage. Allow plenty of opportunity to exercise in a secure pen too.

Increase the snuggle factor

We need warmer bedding in winter and so do our pets. Provide extra straw for bunnies and guinea pigs to burrow into, and clean the enclosure a bit more frequently, because damp bedding gets cold and can quickly freeze.

Up the calories

Feed your small outdoor animals more fresh hay than usual to give extra energy to stay warm in the chilly weather.

Check the water

A healthy pet is a hydrated pet, so please check water bottles and bowls at least twice a day, in case they've frozen. If you're using a bottle, consider insulating it with a purpose-made cover and give the spout a once-over too, in case it's iced up.

Christmas Opening Times

Christmas Eve 8.30am – 1.00pm

Christmas Day CLOSED

Boxing Day CLOSED

Sunday 27th CLOSED

Monday 28th CLOSED

Tuesday 29th 8.30am - 5.30pm

Wednesday 30th 8.30am - 5.30pm

New Years Eve 8.30am -1.00pm

New Years Day CLOSED

Sunday 2nd CLOSED

CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX APPEAL

It's that time of year again, and this year we are taking part in the Christmas Shoebox Appeal. This will raise much needed essentials for our local animal rescue charities.

All we ask is that you fill a shoebox for cats and dogs needing homes so they can have something nice to wake up to on Christmas morning.

Please make sure they're labelled for cats or dogs.

We will be collecting them up until Wednesday 23rd of December in all our branches for delivery to our local rescue centres in time for Christmas morning.

Our 24 hour emergency out of hours service runs over the whole festive period at our Uppingham and Melton branches