



Culverden Vets

Protecting Your Pets from Parasites: Roundworms, Tapeworms, and Lungworms.



The Culverden Health Plan:

We want to help you save money & reduce the cost of preventative healthcare.

- Vaccination and annual health check
- Additional visit to Vet each year
- Modern, effective flea & worm control
- Nurse nail clipping
- 20% discount on our life stage and prescription diets.



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As a responsible pet owner, it's important to be aware of the common parasites that can affect your cat or dog. Roundworms, tapeworms, and lungworms are all potential health risks, but with vigilance and proper care, you can keep your furry friends safe.

Roundworms are one of the most common intestinal parasites in both cats and dogs. These worms can cause vomiting, diarrhoea, and weight loss. Puppies and kittens are especially vulnerable, often contracting them from their mother during birth or through her milk. Regular deworming and maintaining good hygiene can help prevent roundworm infections.

Tapeworms are another common parasite, often seen in dogs and cats who ingest fleas or rodents. These flat, segmented worms can be seen around your pet's bottom or in their faeces. Tapeworms can cause discomfort, itching, and in severe cases, weight loss. Flea prevention and proper treatment can help control tapeworm infestations.

Lungworms, although less common, can affect both cats and dogs, leading to coughing, bleeding, laboured breathing, and lethargy. Lungworm infections are typically contracted by swallowing infected slugs/snails or their slime trails. Dogs can also contract lungworm from eating frogs. Foxes shed Lungworm in their faeces and studies have shown 50% of foxes in the South-East of the UK carry Lungworm. It's important to take preventative measures, especially in areas where these creatures are prevalent.

Regular vet check-ups, a good flea control program, and routine deworming can help keep these parasites at bay, ensuring your pets stay healthy and happy. Feel free to chat to Culverden Vets for advice on the best prevention strategies for your pet's specific needs based upon their exposure and strategies to avoid infection.



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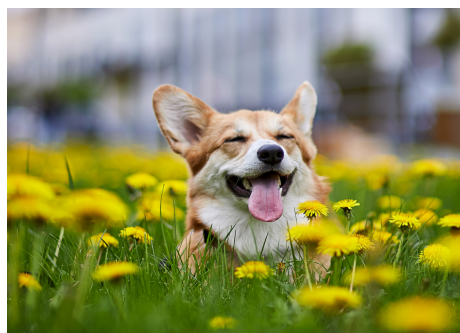
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"New Year, New Tails: Help Your Pet Spring into Health!"

Let's kick off the year by focusing on healthier habits for your pet. With a little exercise, the right diet, and fewer treats, your pet can spring into a lighter, happier version of themselves. Ready to make this the year of a healthier pet? Chat to our team to arrange FREE nurse weight loss clinics!

Keeping an eye on your pet's body condition is key, and you don't even need a scale to do it. Here's what to look for:

- **Ribs:** Can you easily feel them with just a light fat cover?
- **Waist:** Is there a visible waistline behind the ribs when viewed from above?
- **Abdominal Tuck:** Does your pet have an abdominal tuck when viewed from the side?

If your pet's shape is looking a little rounder, don't panic – it's never too late to act. The key is **prevention**: measure meals, choose a diet suited to their lifestyle (neutered or senior pets need fewer calories), and cut back on treats and table scraps.

Simple changes like feeding a lower-calorie diet, using puzzle feeders, and reducing treats can make a big difference.

Excess weight puts pets at risk for conditions like arthritis and diabetes, so if you're concerned, let's work together to help your pet shed those extra pounds and live a longer, healthier life.

Chat to your Culverden Vet team today!

Exciting Building Work in Wadhurst:

Some of our clients may have noticed on social media or locally that there are changes afoot at our Wadhurst surgery. Works are already underway and hopefully they will be completed in the next 4 months. The whole branch has been moved into 2 Portakabins to ensure continued local service for Wadhurst and its surrounds.

Our new temporary workplace may be a bit more cramped, but we are still consulting and operating as usual. Culverden appreciate your patience during this time as in the longer term it will be worth it.

New facilities:

- A second consulting room, so that you can always stay with your animal.
- Animal x-ray facilities so that more investigations can be performed at Wadhurst.
- New dental facilities including dental x-ray.
- A larger waiting room with a dedicated separate cat waiting area.
- Separate cat friendly cat ward.
- More dog kennel spaces including a large walk-in kennel.
- A larger in-house laboratory to provide you more in-house results.
- A new purpose-built operating theatre.
- Extra car parking spaces for clients.

We look forward to keeping you posted on developments and follow us on Facebook and Instagram to our construction developments.

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