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DOES MY PET NEED GLASSES?!

Some essential faculties fade as we age! Think glasses, hearing aids, artificial hips & knees, memory loss... I could go on but I am starting to get dangerously close to a personal list!

Our pets are no different in terms of age related changes. Owners often make the observation of their pet - "he doesn't hear so much anymore" or "she seems to stumble in the dark". Yes, sight and hearing certainly do deteriorate with age in our pets. The most common aging change in the eye in dogs is called "nuclear sclerosis" whereby the lens becomes more dense than it was in the younger dog. This is a progressive change and owners often note a 'cloudiness' in the pupil. It is important not to confuse this change with a more sudden onset of eye cloudiness: glaucoma, diabetes and corneal disease are important rule outs. In the cat, changes in vision may be more sudden - in older, underweight cats that are always hungry, elevated blood pressure can cause blindness.

To date there is no prescriptive eye wear for dogs and cats - but it is important to get us to check eyes to rule out underlying disease processes that may be contributing to diminishing vision.

Owners may also note a deterioration in hearing in their pet. Again, aging changes occur and clinical signs, especially in cats can be quite subtle. In dogs, the changes can be more noticeable and it is important to get the ears checked in both species to rule out obvious causes of limited hearing - ear infections, polyps, vestibular disease. Hearing aids are only available in dogs in the USA and are not without their complications.

Our pets are remarkable though, and are able to compensate for deficiencies in hearing and sight by using their other senses.

They are much more adaptable than we are!

WINTER IS HERE! We have in store a range of reflective collar/leads, jackets and lights for your pet to wear to help keep them safe during the dark winter months.

DID YOU KNOW???

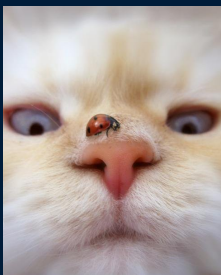
Dogs ears are extremely expressive. It's no wonder - there are more than a dozen separate muscles that control a dogs ear movements!



A group of kittens is called a kindle, while a group of cats is called a clowder.



The nose pad of each cat has ridges in a unique pattern not unlike a persons finger print.



Dogs have a visual range of 250 degrees compared to the human range of 180 degrees.

Have you heard about Rover?

- * Is it difficult to get your pet here to see us?
- * Do you or your pet have mobility issues?
- * Is your pet on regular arthritis injections?
- * Is your pet due for a flea or worm treatment but you find this difficult?
- * Do you require food deliveries?
- * If you have multiple pets is it easier that we come to you for vaccinations and annual check-ups?



ROVER CAN COME TO YOU!

Normal prices apply along with a \$10 surcharge for in town services. T's and C's apply.

Waist Watchers

Don't forget we offer a FREE weight clinic at Cambridge Vets which offers one-on-one support with a qualified nurse to help your pet get back into a healthy weight range.

OPEN DAY

We held our Official Opening Day and Clinic Open Day on Saturday 28th May. Waipa Mayor Jim Milchreest kindly unveiled the plaque and addressed the crowd, following a speech given by Cambridge Vet Club Chairman John Fisher. We would like to thank both of them for their kind words, and for all the members of the public who came to share our enthusiasm about the new facilities. The building tours, sausage sizzle, helium balloons and spot prizes were all popular, but we had to admit defeat with the bouncy castle when it threatened to blow away in the strong winds!

