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Mon-Sat 9am-5.30pm

### 1000 thank yous

A big thank you to all our customers whose number passed the 1000 mark in the early part of this year. We really do value your custom and have done our very best to keep the standard up. Many of you have been with us since we started at Bethersden in August 2005. Thanks also to those of you who have been kind enough to recommend us to others.

### It's tough being groomed!



This is Monty, one "laid back" Spaniel on the grooming table and putting a very brave face on it all!

### Free Poo bags

The Ashford dog warden has kindly given us another big box of poo bags to hand out to people for free with more if needed when they run out. They are available at our reception. Please ask if they are not on display

### More photos please

Thanks for all the photos of your pets. We've over 200 up on the wall now and have had to extend the board size. There's now room for more so do bring them in. No need to leave them with us as we can do a colour copy for the board.

### Bookings

Currently running about 2 to 3 weeks ahead. Try and give us as much notice as possible please. Ideally book the next one when you're with us for the current one.

Visit our Website  
[www.a-zanimalcare.co.uk](http://www.a-zanimalcare.co.uk)

# A-Z Animal Care News

## Frontline..... now in stock at A-Z

### All about fleas.....

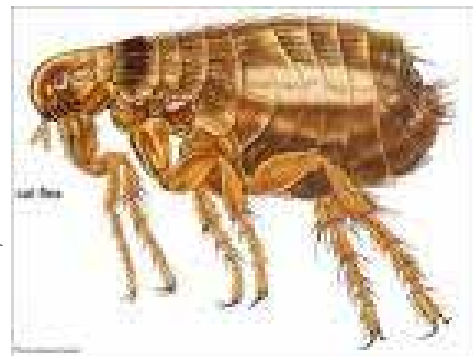
Don't panic! and don't worry; fleas are a very common problem. They're all around and jump onto your pet from infested environments such as homes, gardens and parks – but not usually from other infested pets as is often thought. Once a flea has found a suitable host it will tend to stay there.

If you have a cat or dog, the chances are they'll experience a flea infestation at some time in their life. A recent survey shows that nearly 1 in 10 dogs and over 1 in 5 cats may be suffering from fleas at any one time.

Some pets (and people!) are very allergic to fleas and can develop a nasty skin irritation.

After months of beurocracy and form filling we've finally gained approval to stock **FRONTLINE** and a number of other products that were previously only available with a prescription from your vet.

To prevent re-infection don't forget to treat pet bedding, carpets and even your car with a general flea killer as eggs can lay dormant in cracks and dust.



### ...and worms

Don't read this over breakfast! Fleas eat the eggs of worms so that when a pet grooms themselves and swallows a flea they are also possibly infecting themselves with worms.

It makes sense then to treat for worms at the same time as any treatment for fleas. It is also a good idea regularly worm your pets (every 3 months) as the worms can pass to people, with children being most at risk. Some worms can even cause organ damage or blindness.

We are now stocking **DRONTAL**, a worm treatment previously also only available on prescription. Do call in or look on the website under "Fleas & Worms" for full details and our competitive prices.

### Frontline

For treatment of  
Fleas, Ticks & Mites

for  
Dogs & Cats

From £14.95  
inc VAT

### Drontal

Worming  
treatment

for  
Dogs & Cats

From £2.63  
inc VAT

Ear & Eye Cleaner  
Brushes  
Combs  
Shampoos  
Conditioners  
Aloe Vera  
Plaque remover

and lots more  
grooming products  
in stock now

# "Tomato ketchup saves the lawn and helps skin!"



One of our customers, with 2 Westies, reports a novel tip to prevent those dead patches on the lawn caused by dog urine. Apparently a daily tablespoon full of tomato ketchup on their food works wonders and stops the problem in around a week.

It has also had the added side effect of significantly improving their skin condition, a common complaint in Westies. Their vet was consulted before trying it and, although somewhat sceptical, could find no reason for not giving it a go!



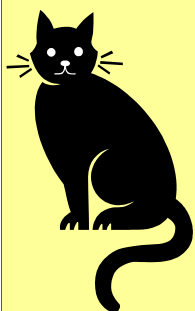
## A-Z at Crufts 2007

Crufts was bigger than ever in 2007 with lots more space for competition, stands and displays than in previous years. We had a relatively small stand but it was still very exciting to be part of the action at the world's biggest and most famous dog show. Over 20,000 dogs, around 150,000 people and four long days of competitions. Thanks to our many customers who made the trek up from Kent and came to say hello!

## Aloe Vera for Animals and People

We stock a wide range of Quality Aloe Vera products including shampoos, gels and creams. Call in for details or look on the website

## Cat News



## Cats & Mats



Of the 150 or so cats currently on our books the vast majority first came to us as a result of matting. The most common areas are on the tummy and chest, behind the ears, under the arms and around the backside. Sometimes this can be severe and impossible to comb out as a cat's skin is very delicate and easily torn. The only solution is clip out the affected area and let it re-grow.

Many report that the matting "happened overnight", particularly during periods of wet weather. The matt becomes like a wetted woollen jumper, getting tighter and tighter as it wets, dries and shrinks, causing the cat discomfort and distress. Older cats are often more prone as they lack the agility to get to all parts of their coat for self grooming.

You can help your cat and prevent the matts forming in the first place by regular and thorough grooming. Use a soft slicker brush followed by a comb to make sure the coat is tangle free. A coat conditioner such as Dermoscent can really help. If you can't manage this yourself do bring them in to us for a regular preventative groom. Don't forget that we can even bath cats that can't keep themselves clean. Do call for more details.

## Rabbits & Guineas

Rabbits and Guinea Pigs can benefit from grooming just as much as dogs and cats, particularly the longer haired breeds.



can be most welcome. We can also trim their nails and clean their eyes and ears.

In hot summer weather we can clip the coat back to help them stay cool and in winter, when they may be in their hutch for long periods, a bath and tidy up

## Cavalier King Charles Spaniels

There are more Spaniels on our books than any other breed. Cocker and Springers are the most popular but we now see over 50 Cavalier King Charles.

They are almost invariably placid, friendly and affectionate in nature, making an ideal family pet and companion. We've yet to meet a grumpy one!

Toy Spaniels were a common sight around the palaces of Europe during the 17th Century, much favoured by King Charles II, and were often portrayed in paintings of the period. The prefix "Cavalier" distinguishes the breed from the King Charles which is more squarely built, with a distinctive domed skull. The Cavalier has a longer nose and heavier build.

Either of the breed are always very welcome!



## PAW WAX

### Paws cracking up?

Protects paws from Heat, Cold, Ice, Snow, Gravel etc and prevents slipping

## Plaque off

We're still getting lots of good feedback for this teeth / breath cleaning product. Lasts a year for a small dog for just £9.99

Your dog's been found. How do we find you?

## Microchipping

£15 + VAT  
at A-Z Animal Care

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