

The importance of regular health checks for your dog



Owning a dog is great fun and immensely rewarding, but they're also a big responsibility. Although you get to know and understand different aspects of their behaviour and their day-to-day routines, it isn't always obvious to know if your dog is ill, it's even harder to spot any potential dog health problems.

Most people don't take their dogs to the vets unless there's an emergency or obvious signs of illness, however a regular health check may detect issues earlier.

A health check up usually includes 10-points that include:



If any abnormalities or issues are found, the vet will discuss them with you and a plan for further investigation can be discussed. Health checks every 6 months are great for your dog as the vet can detect subtle changes in your dog's overall health. This is especially important for older dogs as these checks play a huge part in the 'prevention is better than cure' approach. As part of our 365 Care Plan, dogs and cats get a 10 point health check with a vet every 6 months included. Oakhill Veterinary Centre puts an emphasis on preventative health care and our 365 Care Plan for dogs and cats was designed with this in mind.

To find out more about the 365 Care Plan [click here](#). If you'd like to book your dog in for a health check, then please **contact us**.