

Is your cat Old And Purrfect???

Welcome to our Old And Purrfect clinic (OAP) club!

Our specialised cat clinic (for cats over the age of 10) is here to support you and your Purrfect feline friend as they progress into their older years. Our cats are living much longer these days, and just like us, can develop health issues such as arthritis, diabetes, high blood pressure, kidney disease and hyperthyroidism to name a few!

Daleside Vets are pleased to offer our Nurse led OAP clinic – an hour long clinic costing only £45 (or £40 if you are one of our many Daleplan members!)

What is involved with the Old and Purrfect clinic???

You will be given a pack prior to the hour-long appointment. This will include a pack of Katkor which aids in collecting a urine sample which we can then test at your appointment, as well as a questionnaire you can fill out and also bring in to your appointment. This will help us to gain as much information as possible about your Purrfect friend.

During the clinic we will do a nose to tail check, take their weight and obtain a body condition score. We will assess your pet's mobility and see if there are any subtle changes whilst also looking at helpful modifications that could be made to better support your cat.

We will discuss your cat's diet as there are different types of life stage diets that can have a benefit to your cat's health, as well as assess their oral health and clip their nails if required.

We will also do a vital blood pressure check as this can help indicate if there are any underlying health conditions such as renal failure or hyperthyroidism.

My cat appears healthy, why does she need to go to club OAP?

Club OAP is like giving your cat an annual MOT to ensure everything is still in good working order, It helps us to pick up on diseases whilst they are still in early stages ensuring your furry friend stays healthier for longer and potentially prolonging their life.

Club OAP also gives us the opportunity to make subtle changes to help keep your cat comfortable for longer.

Just like us humans, cats need regular blood pressure checks too. Unfortunately, high blood pressure has no noticeable signs in early disease which is why it's known as a silent killer! Longer term high blood pressure can cause sudden and serious onset of signs including vision loss.

Cats with high blood pressure may sleep more and appear to be 'slowing down', be more vocal, or appear confused but often there will be no noticeable signs.

High blood pressure can also do irreversible damage to certain organs like the eyes, brain, heart and kidneys with 80% of high blood pressure cases being caused by chronic kidney disease or hyperthyroidism but these diseases are usually quite far advanced by the time your cat starts showing symptoms. Early diagnosis of high blood pressure can lead to an early diagnosis and treatment before these diseases become too far advanced.

'Prevention is better than cure' so be proactive today and book your cat in to Club OAP today!!