

EVERGREEN VETERINARY SURGERY POLICY ON PRESCRIPTION ONLY MEDICINES.

Clients should be aware that prescription only medicines (POM's) may be purchased from your veterinary surgeon or through a prescription at any pharmacist who stocks the appropriate medication. If you would like a to purchase your pet's POM medicine from a pharmacist please inform the practice staff.

We are happy to provide prescriptions, upon request, for medications at a cost that is less than your doctor would charge you for a private prescription. But there is a cost involved! If you wish to have a prescription, rather than purchase the medication, then please let us know.

Please note:-

Written Prescriptions can only be provided during a consultation with the owner where the vet will go through possible side effects and all other important details.

Under current UK law this prescription must be presented to a registered pharmacist, who may not have the medications to hand and may have to order them for you.

Repeat examinations for pets requiring long-term medication

UK prescription rules and Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons Codes of conduct require that we only provide medications, or issue prescriptions, for animals **under our care**.

If your pet requires regular medication for a longstanding medical condition we are therefore obliged to examine your pet at regular, usually three monthly, intervals. This will vary with each individual case and condition being treated.

Consequently, our reception staff are asked to ensure that animals requiring medications over long periods of time are re-examined on a regular basis, typically every three or four months.

If we have not seen your pet in the last six months, it is illegal for us to prescribe any POM medication, even those for preventive health care.

Repeat prescriptions can only be offered until re-examination is due, when an appointment will need to be made.

Only a veterinary surgeon can authorise repeat prescriptions, or decide how often each individual patient needs to be re-assessed.

Please show consideration of these rules when approaching our staff.

If you do not understand our policy, or wish to discuss it further please arrange a mutually convenient time to speak to one of the partners, perhaps during your next consultation.