

## New Era Veterinary Hospital Factsheet:

Please phone 01534 730521 for further advice or guidance, if your questions remain unanswered or if you are unclear about any of the following information.

### FEEDING YOUR CAT

The right diet is vital to keep your cat fit and healthy. Poor nutrition accounts for a significant percentage of the health problems we see. These include vomiting, diarrhoea, flatulence, obesity, dental problems, growth deformities, heart, kidney and skin problems.

#### **What type of diet should I feed?**

Home made diets are rarely nutritionally balanced or complete; they are difficult to prepare consistently and expensive. Good quality commercial diets such as Royal Canin or Hills Science Plan are consistent, well balanced and convenient. Contrary to expectation they are also one of the most economic ways of feeding your pet.

#### **Is tinned food or dried food better?**

Good quality dry foods are convenient, more cost effective and help to keep teeth and gums healthy. Tinned food has a much higher water content which some pets find more palatable. Generally speaking we would recommend dry food over tinned foods, but if you are unsure, we suggest your kitten or cat's needs are discussed with a vet or nurse.

#### **Which brand should I choose? How much and how often?**

At New Era, we believe that the best food is Royal Canin Veterinary Care. This range is designed to supply all of your cat's nutritional needs from a kitten to old age. It's a fact that if you feed your cat a diet like Royal Canin Veterinary Care, it will live a longer healthier life because it is less likely to suffer from problems like obesity and dental disease. Varieties exist such as "Persian" diets catering for the needs of specific breeds, and to target specific problems such as the neutered cat range, which help to prevent weight increase and obesity.

Guidelines for frequency are:

- 6-16 weeks: 4 meals daily of Royal Canin (Veterinary) Weaning kitten food.
- 4-6 months: 3 meals daily of Royal Canin (Veterinary) Growth kitten food.
- From about 6 months (usual time of neutering): 2 meals daily of Royal Canin (Veterinary) Neutered Cat.
- Remember Royal Canin Veterinary Care food is a complete diet so you do not need to add any form of supplementation or milk.
- Quantity guidelines are clearly explained on the packaging.
- ***Remember to always provide fresh water.***

Actions speak louder than words though and it's a fact that most of our staff feed their pets on Royal Canin Veterinary Care.