

STRESS FREEEE VET VISITS

Tips to help you and your dog have a pleasant time at the vets.



PREPARE : Spend time getting your dog used to vet trips without the stress of an appointment. Go in to use the scales and take the opportunity to regularly weigh your dog!

POSITIVE ASSOCIATIONS : Make positive associations with the vets. Bring tasty treats and reward your dog regularly whilst coming up to the building, entering, and inside.



PREVENTION : If your dog behaves negatively and may bite, ensure to bring a muzzle! It always helps to slowly muzzle train your dog over time **before** they have to wear one.

COMMUNICATION : Communicate about your dog to other people. Eg. Are they in pain or deafness/poor vision that could be adding to their discomfort during the experience?



DISTANCE : If tensions seem high with your dog's behaviour, try creating some distance and allowing them to calm a little before retrying.

NO EXTENDABLES : Extendable leads are dangerous at the vets and can increase an anxious dog's behaviour. **Using a traditional lead ensures safety and control over your dog around others.**



For more information or help training your dog to be less anxious for vet appointments, please get in touch.



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