**Caring for your pet’s ears**

Cats and dogs have incredible hearing, way better than us humans! So it is important to make sure their ears are keeping healthy.

**Signs of poorly ears**

Check your pet’s ears regularly for any infections, cuts or burrs and grass seeds - look inside for redness, discharge or gloop.

And have a sniff! Yes really! An odd smell is often a first sign of something wrong.

Physically your pet may be shaking their head or rubbing the side of their face against the sofa or floor. With dogs, sometimes you can see (depending on the dog breed) if the ear is being held at a different angle that the other ear. Cats, however, hide ear issues well.

**If you can see something wrong**

Any issues then get your pet checked by a vet as it could be a number of things. Don’t be tempted to clean or treat yourself as you can upset the natural oils and flora and make things worse.

You can also make sure you are up to date with your preventative care, using a flea treatment that includes ear mites – these you get from your vets.

**Have you been given medication from your vet?** Watch our video about how to give ear drops on our YouTube channel.

**Need tips so you can take a look in those ears?** See our article ‘Teaching your pet to accept being checked over’ in our Pet Care Advice section on our website.