

## REPTILE HEALTH CLINICS

### ***"There is nothing wrong with my reptile – why should I come to a clinic?"***

In many cases a reptile may seemingly cope with substandard conditions for many months or even years until it reaches a critical point when it can no longer manage.

Sometimes the damage will be so extensive that either it cannot be saved or the owners are faced with a prolonged treatment and intensive nursing regime.

Keeping reptiles is not always straightforward and is sometimes controversial, maintaining the highest standards of care are essential.

#### DID YOU KNOW THAT.....?

- 90% of reptile illness is due to inappropriate husbandry
- Just like cats and dogs, reptiles should be wormed regularly
- Mediterranean tortoises need to be kept at an ambient temperature of 25-30°C
- All lizards, even nocturnal species, need full spectrum lighting during the day.
- Overfeeding a snake will allow it to grow more quickly but may also reduce its life span
- Frogs can drown
- If using bark chips for substrate it should not contain pine needles
- Some snakes will only eat certain colour mice
- Even digestible substrate can cause gut impaction
- Some foods that are high in calcium also contain a substance that blocks calcium absorption

We offer specialist advice on the care and maintenance of your reptile and amphibian including:-

- Individual species requirements
- Vivarium design
- Diet and nutrition
- Hibernation / cooling down
- Routine health care
- Physical examination

Here at Heene Road Vets, we are pleased to be able to offer a valuable resource to our clients in the form of Caroline Gosden, one of our experienced nursing team.

*Caroline has published several texts on exotics and also lectures in reptile and small animal husbandry. She has many years experience in managing animal collections in general and especially reptiles. Her knowledge of their husbandry gives her an in-depth understanding of the problems faced by reptile owners.*



Please contact Heene Road Vets on 01903 200187 or e-mail [reception@heeneroadvets.co.uk](mailto:reception@heeneroadvets.co.uk) to book an appointment.



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passionate about pet care



## About us...

At Heene Road Vets we are really passionate about your pet's health, welfare and care.

We have a team of 3 vets, 6 nurses and 5 reception staff spread across our main surgery in Heene Road and our branch surgery in Goring Road.

All of our staff aims to provide the best possible care for your pets. In order to achieve and maintain our high standards we treat each case as an individual and provide your pets with the care and treatment which will best suit their needs.

## The nurse clinics...

Our nurse clinics have now been running successfully for over 2 years. Your feedback has been superb and we know you value the advice and care our experienced veterinary nurses provide. The following clinics are available at both surgeries:

- **Weight watchers for pets**
- **Feeding advice**
- **Free adolescent checks**
- **Dental advice**

As well as the clinics, our nurses can also carry out all the routine procedures your pet requires; nail clips, anal gland emptying, teeth clips, worm / flea treatments, identi-chipping and many more! For clinic details, location and times check our website.

## The surgeries and opening times...

**Heene Road Surgery**  
206 Heene Road, Worthing  
West Sussex BN11 4NT  
Tel: 01903 200187

**Monday to Friday** - 8.30am - 6.30pm  
**Saturday** - 8.30am - 1.00pm

For general enquiries:  
**Email:** [reception@heeneroadvets.co.uk](mailto:reception@heeneroadvets.co.uk)

**Goring Road Surgery**  
280 Goring Road, Goring  
West Sussex BN12 4PE  
Tel: 01903 242236

**Monday to Friday** - 9.00am - 12.00pm  
- 2.00pm - 6.30pm

For further information visit:  
**Website:** [www.heeneroadvets.co.uk](http://www.heeneroadvets.co.uk)

In the event of emergencies... **01903 200187**

Please call 01903 200187 and you will be seen as soon as possible or given telephone advice. Please note that we use Worthing Emergency Vets (based at Grove Lodge Veterinary Hospital) for emergencies arising out of hours. Clients should phone 01903 200187, and the telephone number for Worthing Emergency Vets will be on our recorded message.

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