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SUMMER FUN



We all love the summer (if the weather is nice!) but spare a thought for our pets, who may not be so keen. Here are some handy tips:

HEAT— Make sure there is always fresh water available and avoid exercising dogs in the heat of the mid-day sun, particularly older, overweight dogs or whom suffer with heart problems. Pavements can get very hot by the afternoon. Make sure small pets such as rabbits, guinea pigs and chickens have adequate shade.



SUNBURN—can be a particular problem for white pets or cats with white ear tips and noses which can be vulnerable to

sunburn and cancer. The risk can be reduced by applying animal sunblock regularly or restricting sunbathing.

FLIES—can be a big problem for rabbits in the summer months, they are attracted to soiled bedding and can lay their eggs on the rabbits bottom, which rapidly hatch into flesh eating maggots. Its important to clean them out regularly and check their bottoms on a daily basis. There are products available to prevent flystrike, contact us for more details.

GRASS SEEDS—

Meadow grass seeds are easily attached to The coats of pets, because they are barbed they can become embedded and are able to track around the

body. Regular grooming after walks can help, paying particular attention to in between the toes and ears. This can also help with tick removal too.



FLEA AND TICK PREVENTION—

These are particularly active during the summer months so make sure your preventative products are up to date. Contact us for more details of new products.



CARS -Remember to NEVER leave pets in cars on a hot day.

NEW VACCINATION FOR LEISHMANIOSIS IN DOGS

The relaxation of the PETS passport scheme means many more dogs are going abroad. Leishmaniosis is a nasty parasitic disease which is transmitted by sandflies in Southern Europe and parts of Asia and America. Once infected, there is no cure and it can be deadly. However there is now a vaccine to prevent the

spread of this disease.

The vaccine can be given from 6 months of age and involves three injections given at 3 week intervals. After the initial course a single booster with provide immunity. **For more information or to book an appointment please contact the surgery.**

CANINE MYSTERY ILLNESS

The cause of this disease is still unknown at the time of going to press. We urge all dog owners to be vigilant and see us as soon as their dogs they shown signs of being unwell.

If you would like to be kept updated please provide reception with a current e-mail address and visit our Facebook site for more information.

Have you go it covered?

With long days and busy lifestyles it is inevitable that some things may be forgotten.

Here is a check list to help you out!

Core vaccinations—these protect your dog, cat or rabbit from nasty and often fatal illnesses. Parts of these vaccines should be done annually.

Fleas ticks and worms—These can be a year round problem but may be worse in the summer. Prevention is better (and cheaper!) than cure.

Kennel Cough Vaccine—If your dog attends training classes or goes to dog boarding kennels

you may be required to show proof of protection as this disease is spread via airbourne droplets and nose to nose contact.

Teeth—regular check ups and brushing will help prevent tooth decay and reduce the need for dental surgery.

Weight control—too many treats and lack of exercise may result in excess weight which can impact badly on health, our nurses can advise on diets, suitable exercises and provide regular weigh ins.

Nails, ears and eyes— ears and eyes should be clear and nails may need trimming, if there are any signs of problems please contact us for advice.

Routine healthcare can be expensive, to help spread the costs our **Practice Plan** can provide a direct debit service that covers all the core vaccinations, flea, tick and worming treatments as well as providing a further 10% discount on additional vaccines, food and medication purchased at the surgery. The plan can also provide accident only insurance at a reasonable cost although we would always recommend having a comprehensive lifelong insurance cover in place for unexpected illnesses.

We can now provide Vaccine reminders by post, text or E mail, please inform reception of your preference and check your details are correct.

Ring the Changes

In an effort to improve the service we offer you we have been implementing many changes in the last few months.

We have changed to a new computer system which is faster and will be more efficient, but we would appreciate your patience in the change over period as we may experience some

teething problems during this time.

Please bear with us!

You may also have noticed our new phone answering system. This will inform you of which surgery you have contacted and which number to press to get different departments. If you are in a hurry, pressing 1 when calling New Milton Surgery will put you straight through to reception . If you call our num-

ber out of hours you will be put straight through to our emergency out of hours cover service, saving you precious time.

We hope these changes don't cause too much inconvenience. If you have any comments please don't hesitate to contact us.



June is National Microchipping Month

Discounts!

MAY/JUNE

10% OFF all RABBIT DIETS including all varieties of Supa Rabbit and forage.



JUNE

10% OFF MICROCHIPPING - a safe and reliable way to ensure the return of a missing pet.

15 MINUTE APPOINTMENTS

We understand your time is precious and we want to continue to provide a high level of care for your pet so we are now running 15 minute appointment slots in order to keep to appointment times as much as possible. We hope this helps!

