

Summer Safety.

If you are having a BBQ ensure leftovers are disposed of safely. Make sure that your dogs and cats cannot get to the rubbish bin. You may love a corn on the cob or a chicken skewer but you may not like the veterinary bill of removing one from your dog, or a chicken bone from your cat.



Dogs will even chew on the skewers if given half the chance. Make sure they cannot get to anything they should not have.

There are a lot of wasps and bees flying around at the moment. Some dogs and cats love nothing more than to chase them, but they will sting them like they do us. Try and stop your pet from doing this because a sting in the mouth could cause swelling and breathing difficulties.

If you are going to the beach and taking your dog beware of jellyfish. Like insect bites jellyfish stings can cause swelling in the mouth and around the eyes. Keep your dog on a lead if there are jellyfish around.

Keep your pet safe this summer.

Hot, Hot, Hot!

We all love the summer and lots of us are having BBQ's and fun in the sun and sea. But spare a thought for your pets as they don't always feel the same.

Dogs don't sweat like humans and can suffer from heat stroke far more easily.

Hot Cars

DO NOT leave dogs in cars. Even when the car windows are left open a crack, the inside of a car can soon heat up to 120°F.

Studies show that leaving a car window open for your dog will make no difference to the temperature inside the car. Temperatures rise quickly in a matter of minutes on a hot day and leaving your dog in the car could result in the death of your dog.

Stay Hydrated

Refill your pet's water bowl often on hot days (ensure fresh clean water is always available).

Sun Protection

Don't forget the Sun cream! Cats and dogs that are white, have light coloured fur or are hairless are more likely to suffer from sunburn.



Shade

Prevent your pet from overheating by ensuring they have breaks out of the sun regularly. Don't forget about the pets that live outside, ensure that they have plenty of shaded area to get out of the sun too.



Signs of Heat Stroke

- Excessive panting
- Weakness
- Drooling
- Lethargy
- Vomiting
- Dark red gums
- Rapid rate



Cooler Hours

Heat can be a real killer for many pets. Avoid exercising pets during the heat of the day, particularly with older, those with a heart condition or overweight animals, stick to early morning walks or late evenings avoiding the intense midday sun.

If you do have to take your dog out with you make sure you take plenty of water for them, and if out in the car make sure you stop regularly.

The Pet Travel Scheme

The Pet Travel Scheme (PETS) allows us to take our pets on holiday with us to other EU countries without having to put them in quarantine upon returning home.

To learn more, visit ikinoxenhamsidmouth.co.uk/pettravelscheme

What are Ticks?

Ticks are arachnids as they have 8 legs. They go through 4 stages in their life cycle

1. Egg
2. Larva
3. Nymph
4. Adult

Where are Ticks found?

They like to live where there is thick and tall vegetation with lots of small animals and birds to feed on.

How to remove a Tick

The best way is to use a tick remover. These hook underneath the tick and allow you to remove all ticks from the skin of your pet regardless of the size.

DO NOT try to pull the tick out with your fingers; you are more likely to squeeze the contents of the tick back into your pet's body.

DO NOT try to burn the tick or cover it with any other chemicals.

DO disinfect the area around the bite using antiseptic cream.

JUNE & JULY OFFER: Flea and Trick Treatment.

For the months of June and July we will have an offer on our flea and tick treatments, Nexgard and Nexgard Spectra for dogs and Broadline for cats.

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& get another month FREE (one free pipette/tablet)

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& get another 2 months of treatment FREE (two free pipette/tablets)

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