
Summer is Here!



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

Keep your pet safe this summer.

Hot Cars - Do not leave dogs in cars. Even when car windows are left open a crack, the inside of a car can soon heat up to 120°C!

Stay Hydrated - on hot days refill your pet's water bowl often.

Cooler Hours - Exercise dogs in the early mornings and evenings avoiding the intense midday sun.

Sun Protection - Cats and dogs that are white, have light coloured skin or are hairless are more likely to suffer from sunburn.

Shade - Prevent Your Pet From Overheating By Ensuring They Have Regular Breaks Out Of The Sun.

Signs of Heat Stroke...

- Excessive Panting
- Vomiting
- Weakness
- Dark Red Gums
- Drooling
- Rapid Heart Rate
- Lethargy

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.

LEAVE DOGS AT HOME WHERE THEY ARE SAFE!

Fleas.

The flea is an ectoparasite and will feed on the blood of your pet. They can make life for you and your pet very miserable with a vicious cycle of biting and scratching.

The adult flea - the flea hatches from the pupae into the environment and hops straight onto your pet for a feed. The female will start to lay her eggs within 24-48 hours.

Flea eggs - female fleas can lay up to 50 eggs a day after 24 hours of feeding. The eggs will fall off your pet into the environment wherever they go. The eggs hatch in 1-6 days.

Larvae - the eggs hatch into larvae. The larvae will move away from light into dark corners and even under floorboards! The larvae stage lasts 5-11 days.

Pupae - the larvae spin into a sticky cocoon to become pupae. Pupae cannot be killed by any house insecticides. The flea may hatch out in 7-14 days but can lay dormant in the environment for months.

By the time you see fleas on your pet your house is probably already infested.

- ✓ Treat your pet with a product for fleas every month. It can take 3-4 months before immature fleas in the home are depleted, so you may still see fleas on your pet during this time.
- ✓ Treat your house with a household treatment
- ✓ Regularly Hoover your home to remove some of the flea eggs, larvae and pupae.
- ✓ Wash your pets' bedding above 60 degrees.
- ✓ Continue to allow your pet full access to all areas of the house as normal. That way, new fleas that hatch can jump on your pet and be killed.

Snake Warning.

Snakes are more present in areas such as the commons at this time of year. Please be aware of this when out walking your pet. The European adder is the only venomous snake native to the UK. The adult is about 50cm long, pale grey/green to dark brown with characteristic black/brown dorsal zigzag patterning (not obvious if very dark).

Adder venom is a complex mixture of proteins. It has a direct effect on the heart and blood vessels. Onset is usually rapid within 2 hours so speed is essential for treatment. Puncture wounds may be visible, with localized, painful swelling that may spread and bleed. Signs include shock, collapse, renal, hepatic and cardiac effects

If possible keep your dog still and quiet and leave the bite site alone.
If you think your dog has been bitten then please contact the surgery.

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