

Seasonal Canine Illness

This is a mystery illness that during the autumnal months of August to November dogs are at risk of developing. This condition has only come to light in the past few years and dogs appear to suffer from it after walking in woodland areas.



The clinical signs of Seasonal Canine Illness are:

- vomiting
- diarrhoea
- lethargy

These signs tend to develop 24-96 hours after visiting a woodland area.

The cause of this mystery illness is yet to be known but if you are concerned your dog is showing signs of this condition then you need to seek veterinary attention immediately. It has been shown if therapy is instigated early then the outcome is much improved. This condition has proved to be fatal but if treatment is started early enough then full recovery can often occur in 7 – 10 days.

There are only two factors that may be associated with dogs developing this, which are:

- Long trips in the car. Ensure they always have a fresh supply of water and do not over heat.
- Harvest mite infestation. This is a little red mite the size of a pin head to the naked eye that usually affects dog's feet. It causes them to be very itchy and chew/nibble at their paws. If you are planning on visiting a woodland area then ensure your dog is up to date with treatment for external parasites. If you have any concerns then please call the practice to check the best product to use.

There are several areas particularly under surveillance for cases of Seasonal Illness and these include Nottinghamshire. The sites are Sandringham Estate, Lincolnshire, Thetford Forest, Clumber Park, Sherwood Forest, New Forest and Rendlesham Forest.

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