

**Newsletter June 2017** – We hope you enjoyed the fine weather of recent weeks. Despite not lasting as long as we would like, with Summer only officially starting on June 1<sup>st</sup>, hopefully it will not be too long before the sun cream lotion reappears!

### Summer Sunshine

While we enjoy our rare hot summer days, don't forget our pets can sometimes struggle with higher temperatures. Please remember to provide plenty of clean, fresh water on a daily basis.

Try to exercise dogs before 8am and after 6pm, this helps prevent overheating, whilst also protects paws from hot road surfaces, pavements or sand etc. If transporting your pet, NEVER leave them in a parked car! No matter how small an errand, you may be delayed. Temperatures can soar, becoming fatal in minutes.

Longhaired companions may appreciate an introduction to grooming clippers. No matter how untidy the end result, trimming unnecessary hair can help prevent overheating. Imagine trying to wear a woolly jumper on the hottest day of the year!

Know the signs of heat stroke, if you notice extreme salivation excessive panting or distressed behaviour, make sure your pet has as much cold drinking water as they want. If you become concerned about your pet at any time, do not hesitate to contact the clinic.



### Pet Holidays

If you are leaving your pet into boarding kennel/cattery facilities, please contact the provider of your choice well in advance of any travel dates to confirm their admission protocols, to include vaccination requirements.

Don't forget if you are hoping to bring your pet on holiday with you, depending on the destination and travel route, not only might your pet need additional vaccinations, they might need their very own passport too!

For more advice, speak to a member of staff today.

### Rabbit/ Guinea Pig/ Small Rodents

These pets can suffer heatstroke too, however they are more vulnerable and effects may be observed even when temperatures are as low as 21°. Presenting similar symptoms such as lethargy, drooling or rapid breathing. If left untreated, this condition can quickly become fatal.

Position hutches/cages out of direct sunlight and on hot days ensure shelters are well ventilated to help keep pets cool. To help prevent overheating, refill your pets' water bottle with fresh, clean water everyday.

### Did you know?

-Unlike humans who sweat everywhere, dogs only sweat through the pads of their feet!

-The whiskers on your cat's nose are generally about as long as your cat is wide, so they help your cat to figure out how wide an opening is and whether they can fit through it!

-More than half of the world's rabbits live in North America!