

# MILFORD VETERINARY HOSPITAL

## SUMMER NEWSLETTER

Welcome to our summer newsletter. We have had a busy few months in the practice with Simon and Sheena judging dog shows at summer fetes and lots of new members of the team. We have been keeping our website and Facebook pages up to date so you can find out more about all the new faces in the surgery. We also have an Instagram account so please follow us on social media to keep up to date with our latest news!



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### HOT WEATHER WARNING



In hot summer weather please do not leave your dogs in the car, even in shade. The temperature can rise very quickly and dogs can become very ill in short space of time, overheating can lead to death. Also be mindful of when you are exercising your dogs in summer. Avoid walks in hot parts of the day, it is better not to walk at all for a day than risk your dog suffering heatstroke. If you see any signs of heatstroke please call us straight away as this is an emergency. We have a vet and nurse on site 24/7 to assist you. Signs of heatstroke include:

- Panting
- Drooling
- Vomiting/diarrhoea
- Uncoordinated movement
- Collapse

### TICK SEASON

Summer is usually the peak season for ticks so it is especially important now to make sure your dogs and cats are protected. We have several products available but currently recommend: **Dogs – Nexgard Spectra** – this is a chewable tablet to be given every 4 weeks which treats for fleas, ticks, roundworm and lungworm. Ticks will be killed within 24 hours which prevents the transmission of tick-borne diseases such as Lymes disease.



**Cats – Stronghold Plus** – this is a spot on treatment to be used monthly which treats for fleas, ticks and roundworms. Ticks are killed within 24 hours.

### RABBITS AND GUINEA PIGS IN SUMMER



#### HEAT –

High temperatures can be a problem, especially if your rabbits/guinea pigs are kept outdoors. Move hutches and runs to the shade where possible or cover with a sheet to keep the temperature down

You can use fans around cages or hutches and pet safe ice packs or even frozen water bottles to put in with them to help keep them cool. Always cover frozen bottles or ice packs so your pet isn't in direct contact with them

Check water bowls/bottles and change them regularly so your rabbits or guinea pigs have a constant supply of fresh, cool water

#### FLIES –

Flystrike is an increased risk in hot weather and can be life threatening. Make sure you check your pets several times a day and keep flies away as much as possible. You will need to keep bedding very clean and we can prescribe RearGuard fly strike prevention to protect your rabbits from this condition. Please give us a call if you wish to discuss fly strike prevention in more detail.

REMEMBER YOU CAN BOOK APPOINTMENTS, REGISTER NEW PETS AND ORDER REPEAT PRESCRIPTIONS ON OUR WEBSITE  
[WWW.MILFORDVETS.CO.UK](http://WWW.MILFORDVETS.CO.UK)