



## NEWSLETTER

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### PRACTICE STAFF

#### VETERINARY SURGEON:

Yahav Ravid Morano

#### VETERINARY NURSE:

Jacky Buttle

#### NURSING ASSISTANT:

Robert Baker

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Susannah Peel

PRACTICE PETS: Maxwell the cat and Phoebe the dog (Jacky's dog!)

### OPENING HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 9am to 7pm with consulting hours 9am to 11am and 4pm to 7pm

Wednesday 9 to 11am

Saturday 1pm – 4pm

**FOR OUR 24 HOUR DEDICATED EMERGENCY SERVICE CALL MANDEVILLE VETERINARY HOSPITAL ON: 020 8845 5677**

### PROACTIVE PETS

**SAVE 30% ON YOUR VACCINATION AND MAKE HUGE SAVINGS ON FLEA AND WORM CONTROL!**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, ASK AT RECEPTION OR ASK YOUR VET!**

**WE ALWAYS WELCOME FEEDBACK ABOUT THE SERVICE PROVIDED, AND WOULD ASK OUR CLIENTS TO TAKE A MINUTE TO LEAVE A COMMENT ON OUR WEBSITE!**

**[www.goddardvetgroup.co.uk/wembley](http://www.goddardvetgroup.co.uk/wembley)**

**THANK YOU**

### **HAS YOUR PET HAD SURGERY OR AN ILLNESS RECENTLY?**

If so, please send us a photo of your pet and we will write a short story in our newsletter.

Email to:

[wembley@goddardvetgroup.co.uk](mailto:wembley@goddardvetgroup.co.uk)

**We would love to feature your pet!**

### **KENNEL COUGH VACCINATION**



We have been seeing an increasing number of dogs with kennel cough recently and would recommend vaccination. This is a highly contagious infection, which causes a nasty cough. It is rarely fatal, although in the elderly, very young, or immune compromised, it can be quite serious.

The vaccination is administered by squirting drops into the nose, and it is not included in the normal yearly vaccination, so needs to be given as an extra.

Kennel cough is very common wherever groups of dogs tend to mix or are in close proximity e.g. parks, kennels, training classes, and vets but it can also be transmitted simply by your dog walking near a dog who is infected.

If your dog is booked into kennels, they are likely to require the vaccination, so please ensure it is done in good time (preferably 3 weeks before). Ask your Vet or Vet Nurse for more information.

**SEE OVER FOR MORE SUMMER ADVICE, TIPS, AND SUGGESTIONS!**

# MANDEVILLE VETERINARY SERVICES, WEMBLEY BRANCH

## SUMMER ADVICE, TIPS, AND SUGGESTIONS!

### 1. DOGS DIE IN HOT CARS AND CONSERVATORIES!

Most years there is a sad case of a dog dying in this horrible way and the owner is not usually a bad owner, but just didn't think or realise. Please do not take your dog out in the car unless it is essential or a very short run and never leave them in the car. Conservatories can also become very hot and we have had cases of dogs being shut in and suffering heat stroke.

### 2. WATER IS ESSENTIAL!

Dogs and cats will usually drink more in hot weather and this should be encouraged. Please ensure that your pet ALWAYS has access to fresh clean water. You may need to buy a bigger bowl or an extra one and if you are taking your dog out, you may need to take water with you.

### 3. FLY INFECTED FOOD CAN MAKE YOUR PET UNWELL!

Always remove and discard any remaining wet food and just leave a few dry biscuits if you need to leave food down. In this hot weather, it is probably better to feed your pet when it is a bit cooler i.e. early morning and later in the evening.

### 4. DOGS AND CATS SLEEP MORE IN HOT WEATHER!

Given the

chance, we would take an afternoon siesta when it is hot, and our 4 legged friends are usually fortunate enough to be able to do this. It is important to be vigilant, however, and ensure that they are just a bit more lethargic due to the heat and not because they are unwell. Make sure that they are keen to eat and seem bright and alert inbetween the siestas. You may also need to provide a fan or a shady place to hide and sleep. Dogs should be walked early morning or evening when it is cooler.



5. DEHYDRATION WILL OCCUR VERY QUICKLY WHEN IT IS HOT! If your pet is at all unwell, it is important to address it quickly, particularly in the very young and older pets. Dehydration can be fatal.
6. DOGS AND CATS SUFFER SUNBURN! This is particularly prevalent in white cats and dogs. Do not let them lie in the sun. White cats should have sunblock put on their ears as they are prone to skin cancer.
7. GRASS SEEDS IN EARS AND FEET. This is particularly prevalent in

dogs with floppy ears or long hair around their ears and feet. You may need to consider trimming this hair away and should always check the feet after a walk.

8. PARASITES LOVE HOT WEATHER! Make sure your pet is treated for fleas as these are rife in Summer. The slugs and snails also carry lung worm, so it is important to ensure that your dog is treated for this also.
9. FLY STRIKE! This is quite common in pets who are soiled due to diarrhoea or urine on the coat. The flies lay their eggs and they hatch into maggots which burrow into the skin. Make sure that your pet is always washed down when soiled, and diarrhoea is treated. This is common in rabbits, so they must be checked twice a day.
10. KENNELS! If you are going away, ensure that you have made provisions for your pet's care whilst you are away. Remember that kennels and catteries will be very busy at this time, so you need to book early. We would always advise that you check the kennel to ensure it is clean and has appropriate facilities and caring staff. If you are reliant upon a neighbour or family friend, make sure it is properly arranged and that they have a contact number and the Vet's contact details.