

Rabbit Health over the Summer Months



As the warmer months approach, buzzing flies can be a major problem for rabbits as they can cause a very serious condition called Fly Strike. Flies are attracted to a rabbit's moist, soiled hindquarters and lay their eggs there. The hatching maggots then feed on the rabbit's skin and underlying tissue. Large wounds can develop quickly and this condition can become life-threatening quickly. Prevention of Fly-Strike is simple. Remove any soiled bedding and waste material on a daily basis and clean the hutch completely on a frequent basis. Remember to check your rabbit daily to ensure they are clean, dry, egg and maggot free and use Rearguard for prevention.



Vaccination Amnesty for Cats and Dogs

Have you lapsed in your pet's yearly vaccinations? If the answer is YES, we can help! Mildmay are offering a complete vaccination course for the price of a booster vaccination in May. To claim this offer log on to www.nvmonline.co.uk, download the voucher and bring it with you to the appointment or phone the surgery to claim your discount. Regular vaccination is essential to maintain your pet's immunity.



Kennel Cough Vaccination

Kennel Cough is more common in the summer due to increased use of boarding kennels. It is a very contagious complex disease of the upper airways passed on by close contact between dogs, and can be caused by viruses and bacteria. Protection is available in the form of an intra-nasal vaccine that can be given in a normal consultation and the majority of kennels require that resident dogs are vaccinated against kennel cough. We recommend this vaccination is given approximately ten days before your dog is due to go into kennels.

NEW Healthy Pet Club Puppy & Kitten

Our Healthy Pet Club Scheme has proved so successful we are launching a Healthy Pet Club for puppies and kittens. Included in your membership is:

- Course of initial vaccinations – including kennel cough for dogs
- Flea treatment for 12 months
- Worming treatment for 12 months
- Microchip
- 20% Discount on Neutering
- Introductory bag of Hills Food
- 10% Discount on Hills Diet (buy 5 get the 6th bag FREE)
- 3 consultations during the 12 month period
- 10% discount on ALL products and services

Join today for £9.99 per month and you can save £235 in the first year. Ask at reception for more details.



Staff News

Firstly, all the staff at Mildmay would like to thank all the clients who sponsored all the dogs swimming and for those who took part and raised money for the Dog's Trust, they were amazed how much we raised and it will go a long way in helping the dogs in need of rehoming – Thank you. We are also delighted to welcome back Clare Heap to the veterinary team, she is back after her maternity leave. Our Veterinary Nurse Students are all working hard at the moment for their exams in the summer, so good luck to Emma and Sam!! Kim and Mouse's surname is set to change as she gets married on the 14th May, lets hope the weather stays so nice for the day.

Is your pet insured?

We would like as a practice to encourage our clients to think seriously about the financial provision they can make to cover unexpected veterinary treatment. One of the most common reasons for visiting the vets is road traffic accidents in cats and broken legs in cats and dogs. The cost of either treatment can often reach in excess of £1000 if specialised surgery is required and can happen at any time of an animal's life. Medical conditions such as Cushing's disease and Diabetes are increasingly common in our pets and again the annual costs for treating these can be at least £850 a year.

Whilst many people are happy to use savings and credit cards to cover these unexpected costs, the safest alternative is to take up pet insurance with a reputable company.

Tracey's Star Swimmer Award

Anna and Edgar Meenwell-Ralph have just been awarded their Star Swimmers Award!! Well done!



Mildmay's First Healthy Heart Evening

In March Melanie, our cardiologist, did a client presentation evening on heart disease, treatment and how to improve the animal's quality of life. This proved very successful and informative, and we received lots of positive feedback from our clients. We are hoping to do it again in the future.

