

Colne Valley News – June 2017



**KEEP YOUR
PET SAFE
THIS
SUMMER**

NEVER leave your pet alone in the car - even for a short time with the windows open, the temperature can rise quickly, which can be fatal

Registered Charity No. 206174 & 20231988
2004-2016 © PDSA. All Rights Reserved. PDSA is a registered charity in the UK.

**For more summer and safe travel advice,
check out pdsa.org.uk**

Dogs die in hot cars

Please remember that dogs die in hot cars. They cook from the inside as if sitting inside an oven. The interior of a car rapidly heats up in hot, even warm, weather, even with windows being left open. It really is best to avoid taking your dog, or indeed any pet, in the car when the temperature is high because you cannot tell when you might breakdown or be otherwise held up.

It follows that exercising your dog should be kept to the cooler times of the day. Woodland walks in the shade are ideal, and many Labradors know how cooling a swim in water can be!

Find us on Facebook

Bunny vaccinations

There is still a shortage of the individual doses of the vaccine against myxomatosis and classic Rabbit Haemorrhagic Disease (RHD, also known as Viral Haemorrhagic Disease VHD). We are therefore continuing to offer rabbit vaccination clinics where we use multidose vials.

Please ensure that your bunny is up-to-date with vaccination against these diseases. It will not be long before we start seeing bunnies with myxomatosis which is a most unpleasant illness.

The hidden dangers of summer

The grass awn season has started again with two dogs coming to us having suddenly started shaking their heads. Sometimes, there may be an insect in the ear canal but the usual culprit is a grass awn. Other sites where grass awns can lodge are the nostrils, mouth, between toes, between the eyelid and front of the eye - pretty much anywhere. There was one Saturday morning when we had four English springer spaniels lining up to have grass awns removed from their paws!

As mentioned in a previous newsletter, please do not throw sticks for your dogs to retrieve. Much as you may think it will not happen to your dog, the injuries to the mouth and throat from jumping on to the end of a stick cannot be over-emphasised, and are easily avoided.

Whilst you are busy in the garden, please use garden chemicals wisely and store them in a secure location. If you have to use them at all, pet-friendly versions are often available, which will therefore keep wildlife safe as well. When mowing or strimming, please keep an eye out for amphibians and hedgehogs.

Also, remember to check swimming pools regularly, especially if at ground level, and indeed any bodies of water. Not only can wildlife drown in pools and ponds but, tragically, we have also had dogs reported as casualties.

Breaking news

Nexgard Spectra tablets are now licensed to prevent lungworm. See next month's newsletter for more information on protecting your dog from internal and external parasites.

[Find us on Facebook](#)

