

Summer is Here!

Long, hot and sunny days create plenty of activity in the great outdoors, where we and our pets head for during the warmer months. Whether it be on the beach, in our own gardens, the park or countryside, just as with other seasons in the year, there are a few factors to take into consideration regarding the safety and welfare of our pets, and summer is no exception.

Flora and Fauna

Grass seeds are quite small, but can cause big problems for your dogs, as they may become embedded in their feet, ears and eyes. Seeds can even be inhaled, and lodge in the nose or sit in an airway to the lungs. Those breeds with longer ears and coats or 'feathery' feet, are magnets for grass seeds!

Regularly inspect your pet's coat and body especially after exercise.

Pay careful attention to their feet, eyes and ears.

Trim hair around the ears and under the ear flaps.

Keep hair short between pads and toes.

The most common seeds we see are the small round and arrow shaped seeds, the latter has a very sharp tip, so can burrow and pierce the skin.

Seed Signs to look out for:

- Licking Paws ● Pawing at eyes
- Red swelling between toes
- Excessive ear scratching or shaking of head
- Sneezing ● Coughing

As with any unusual behaviour or signs of illness, always contact us for advice.



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Monday to Friday 9am - 6.30pm

Saturday 9am - 12.30pm

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Monday to Friday 9am - 6.30pm

Saturday 4pm - 6.30pm

Sunday 10am - 6.30pm ★

Consultations by Appointment

24 hour 7 day
Emergency Service

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We Will Come to You!

Here at Hill Park, we understand what an anxious time it can be for you when your pets are poorly, and we try our best to assist in every way possible, to help ease the stress. There are also those days when it can be difficult for you to attend the surgery with your poorly pet. Maybe you are ill yourself, have no transport or are elderly. It might even have reached that very difficult time when your much-loved pet's life is coming to an end, and you cannot face coming to the surgery. So we decided to help you even more, and have introduced a brand new service at Hill Park to further ease upset and anxiety.

Homecare for Pets is where a vet and nurse will visit you to treat your pet in the privacy of your own home. Purchasing two black cabs and having a new part-time vet join our team, has enabled us to provide this very special Homecare for Pets. **The cost is £48** plus any medication your pet may require. If you feel this home visit service would benefit your circumstances, please call our friendly reception team for further information.



Hot Dogs!

Even with all the campaigns and media reports, there are still people who think it is okay to leave their dog shut in a car on a hot day! **NEVER leave your pet in the car**, not even for a short while, not even in the shade, not even with the windows open. Vehicles very quickly reach oven-like temperatures, and **your pet will literally cook in minutes!**

Hill Park Vets Neutering Campaign



If you are not planning on breeding your dog, you may wish to consider neutering. There are many health and social advantages for both males and females, as it helps to prevent pyometra and other related conditions, such as ovarian cysts and cancers.

FEMALE DOG

- Seasons can begin from 6-9 months old.
- They will last three weeks.
- Seasons will happen twice a year throughout her life.
- Her scent will draw much attention from un-neutered male dogs.

Spaying

- will immediately stop her seasons.
- prevents unwanted pregnancies.
- stops a serious illness - pyometra (womb infection).
- lowers the risk of developing mammary tumours (breast cancer).

MALE DOG & Castration

- Signs of aggressive or excitable behaviour to people or other dogs can be reduced.
- Less likely to 'wander off' in search of females in season.
- Accidental mating ceases.
- Lowers the risk of developing prostate or testicular cancer in later life.

As you can see there are many positive reasons for having your dog neutered.

Book your pet in for this procedure at our **Special Neutering Campaign Prices**

Spay	Castrate
Under 15kg	Under 15kg
£135	£95
Over 15kg	Over 15kg
£155	£125
Over 35kg	Over 35kg
£195	£155

If you would like further details, please contact us and we can answer your queries.

Your Very Own SPOC at our FREE Nurse Clinics

We have a great team of friendly and experienced nurses here at Hill Park who offer **FREE consultations at their own Nurse Clinics**. They are available for support, advice and encouragement should your pet be diagnosed with a condition that requires long-term medication, changes to their nutritional needs, exercise or lifestyle pattern. The vet may refer you to the nurse clinic, or the owner can request to see the nurse. It can be upsetting to learn your pet has a condition such as kidney, thyroid, diabetes, even a weight or arthritis problem, so at these times you may like some extra support. At the clinics, our nurses can answer your queries, show you how to administer medication and regularly maintain your pet's overall well-being.

There may be days when you are feeling worried or a little downhearted about your much-loved pet, so we assign you a **SPOC**. This is a **specific person of contact** just for you and your pet, when you need some encouragement, a friendly chat or have a few questions. If you would like further information or your pet has recently been diagnosed with a condition, then please call our reception team who will be happy to help.

Having a B-B-Q?



A warm Saturday evening or sunny Sunday, and out come the barbecues, not only to the delight of humans, but also to our cats and dogs! As eating outside is a far more relaxed affair, this provides our pets with the perfect opportunity for stealing **rib and chicken bones** from your casually placed plate on the grass, and also raiding the black bin bag for **corn on the cob husks!** All of these left-over foods, if devoured by your pet, can get lodged in the mouth, throat and stomach, some of which may require surgical removal.

Any signs of pawing at the mouth, retching, vomiting, lethargy, not eating or drinking, then do not delay in contacting us.



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