



Petplan, in conjunction with Battersea Dogs & Cats Home have launched a Summer Safety Campaign to make sure our pets get the right care and protection during the hotter summer months

Top Three Summer Safety Tips

1. Never leave your pet alone in a parked car, even for a short period of time. The temperature can soar to deadly levels within minutes, even with a window open!
2. Did you know BBQ's are dangerous for cats & dogs? The high fat content can cause inflammation of the pancreas, while cooked bones can puncture your pet's mouth, throat and can cause blockages and perforations - both of which are incredibly serious.
3. Grass seeds are an extremely common seasonal problem. They easily attach themselves to the animal's fur and burrow into the skin. The most common places your dogs can be at risk are the feet and ears. Avoid walking in long grass during the peak summer months of June to August and check your dog's paws after every walk for lurking grass seeds. Seek early veterinary advice if your dog starts licking its paw or has a small hole between its toes.

Please see the Summer Proof Guide in the barn helping you to work out how best to protect your pet from the sun by scoring them over a series of questions - from the colour of their coats to the length of their face & nose. (A link to the Petplan website to view the Guide online is available from our own website.)

Please see more detailed Top Tips on the back two pages



KENNEL CLUB GOOD CITIZENS AWARDS

Congratulations to the following dogs and handlers that have passed the Kennel Club Good Citizens Awards since the June Newsletter.



Silver July 2015

Lily	Sue Hedges
Swift	Carol Jamieson
Baxter	Julie Cook
Benji	Vanessa Horton
Ben	Tracy Dwyer



Gold July 2015

Tiya	Caroline Twomey
Cody	Sue Pluthero
Dobby	Jo Brandon
Bertie	Carol Green
Ludwig	Toni Teasdale
Brodie	Sharon Holloway



Gold July 2015

Duke	Jamie Duncan-Smith
Honey	Jayne Brownlow
Chester	Julie Reeves
Millie	Ken Russell
Barnaby	Rebecca Harris

Agility

The next "Taster Sessions" for Beginners' Agility will run at the end of August/beginning of September.

There is a long waiting list for dogs to do agility (there are currently 26 dogs' names on the list). Those who were successful in the taster sessions in April, but who couldn't get a place on the last course, will receive an offer for the next course. The remaining places will be offered to those whose dogs show promise and flair at the Taster Sessions later this month.

If you are not sure whether your dog is on the list, email Lynn at lynn_gibney@talktalk.net

HOW TO CONTACT YOUR TRAINER

As a courtesy, the trainers appreciate it if you contact them to let them know if you are running late or cannot attend your class. If it's the same day as your class, it's best to ring rather than email. The Club Mobile is primarily for new enquiries and should not be used to pass on messages for trainers.

TRAINERS CONTACT DETAILS ARE AS FOLLOWS:-

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Spelthorne Out of Hours Dog Warden: Paul Clements (and his partner Nikki)
07886 498003.

NB: - Club mobile for new enquiries: **07939 189917**



"Laleham Dog Training Club Display Team"

Does your dog have good heelwork?

Do you or your dog have a sense of rhythm?

Have you ever watched the Southern Counties Golden Retriever Display Team and thought how cool it would be if your dog could do that?

(check out <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HvI4sV5Mlmg>)

LDTC is going to start its own Display Team. If you are interested, please email Lynn on lynn_gibney@talktalk.net

The first class will be on Thursday 3rd September at 8.30pm in the Barn. Classes will cost £3 per session

Tellington TTouch

A TALK AND DEMONSTRATION BY MARION OSTLER BSC (HONS);
TELLINGTON TTOUCH PRACTITIONER (PI) ON: -
SATURDAY 15TH AUGUST FROM 2PM - 4PM (in the barn)
COST £10 PER PERSON

(No dogs to be brought to the workshop)

Spaces still available. Please contact Lynn on lynn_gibney@talktalk.net
or call 07947 480784



German Shepherd Dog Rescue Charity Photo Shoot



10 am to 5pm on **8th August 2015** in
Englefield Green, Egham.

Please contact: Victoria Whicher - GSD Rescue

Fundraiser.vawhicher@yahoo.co.uk<http://www.germanshepherdrescue.co.uk/>

Or call Vicqui on 07949 249247



Dates for Your Diary

August

Thursday 6th August 8.30 pm Get Fit With Fido (Aka "Fat Club")

Saturday 8th August - Photo Shoot in Egham for German Shepherd Rescue

Thursday 13th August 8.30pm Happy Hour

Sunday 15th August 2pm Tellington TTouch - Talk & Demonstration

Thursday 27th August 8.30pm Happy Hour

September

Thursday 3rd September 8.30pm Display Team

Thursday 10th September 8.30pm Happy Hour

Thursday 17th September 8.30pm Get Fit With Fido

Thursday 24th September 8.30pm Happy Hour

October

Thursday 1st October 8.30pm Display Team

Thursday 8th October 8.30pm Happy Hour

Thursday 15th October 8.30pm Get Fit With Fido

Thursday 22nd October 8.30pm Happy Hour

Top Tips for Summer Pet Safety.



Sun/hot weather health:-

- Animals can suffer from sunburn, particularly those with thin, pale or white fur. Use a pet-friendly sun cream on extremities, such as ear tips
- Keep an eye on your pet for any signs of heat exhaustion or sunstroke including excessive panting, drooling, convulsions, collapse and shock. If your pet shows any of these signs, get them out of the heat, shower them with cool (not cold) water, wrap them in wet towels and take them straight to the vet
- Dogs can burn their paws on hot pavements so walk them during the cooler times of the day. Also, take water with you and stop regularly so your dog can have a drink
- Try freezing your dog's dinner into ice lollies by mixing their food with some water in a cup and putting it in the freezer for a couple of hours. Remove the cup before giving it to your dog



On the beach, camping and parties:-

- At barbeques, do not give your pets meat which contains cooked bones and ask other people not to give them treats from their plates
- Make sure your dog does not eat chocolate, onions, grapes, raisins or garlic as they are poisonous to them and can have life-threatening consequences if eaten
- If you are taking your dog to the beach, check tide times first. Not all dogs can naturally swim so they could quickly get out of their depth. The hot grains of sand and salt in the sea can also damage their paws so wash them thoroughly when you get home
- Before camping, ensure your site allows dogs and check local laws and bye laws to avoid breaching any restrictions. During your stay, be mindful of low-level cooking equipment and remember that dogs running free can be a danger to nearby livestock
- Do not let your pet off the lead immediately in unfamiliar areas, particularly on cliffs and beaches as your dog may run off the end of an incline or get into deep water
- Grass seeds are common foreign bodies that can cause discomfort, particularly in ears and feet, which are picked up when exercising outside or on a walk. Avoid walking in long grass during the peak summer months of June to August and check your dog's paws after every walk for lurking grass seeds. Seek early veterinary advice if your dog starts licking its paw or has a small hole between its toes



Travelling with pets: -

- Relaxation of the rules has made travelling abroad with your dog a lot easier, but some rules are complicated so do check well in advance before you travel. Your pet will need a pet passport or third country official veterinary certificate to enter or return to the UK. These can only be issued once they have been microchipped, vaccinated against rabies and treated for tapeworm (dogs only). Make an appointment with your vet for a pre-travel consultation.

Road trips: -

- Use a carrier for your cat or a safety harness for your dog. Take their favourite bed, toy, food and treats with you and stop regularly so they can have bathroom breaks
- NEVER leave your pet alone in a parked car, even for a short period of time. The temperature can soar to deadly levels within minutes, even with a window open!
- Feed your pet a light meal 3-4 hours before you set off and ensure a plentiful supply of water whilst travelling
- In case of emergency make sure you have details of a local vet at your destination



Reaching your destination: -

- There is plenty of pet-friendly accommodation available, so check whether your destination allows four-legged visitors. When you arrive, check outside for any poisonous plants, ponds and swimming pools as well as pot plants, low-level electrical goods and potential escape routes inside which may pose a danger to your pet
- Try to maintain as normal a diet as possible - dogs are creatures of habit and may be stressed by changes in their routine
- Take walks in the morning or early evening to avoid high temperature
- While you enjoy the sun, provide plenty of shady spots for your pet as well as a constant supply of fresh drinking water. You may wish to provide your dog with a paddling pool to cool down in

Remember the key elements of responsible pet ownership: -

- Identification: identifying your pet is important whether home or away. A microchip has a unique code which, when scanned with a special reader, can be matched to the owner's details on a central database. It is also a legal requirement for your dog to wear a collar and identity tag, so when going on holiday, have a second tag engraved with any temporary contact details.
- Inoculations: all dogs and cats should be vaccinated once a year to protect them from diseases including parvovirus and cat flu. Puppies and kittens cannot be walked or allowed outside until they have had them. Speak to your vet for advice.
- Insurance: insuring your pet is a vital part of being a responsible pet owner. Petplan offer insurance plans for your pets should the unexpected happen and can give you the peace of mind of knowing treatment is attainable and affordable. Petplan also offers Holiday Cancellation, which covers up to £2,000 towards travel and accommodation costs if you have to cancel your holiday due to the illness or injury of your pet. See more at: <http://www.petplan.co.uk/my-petplan/summer-health.asp#sthash.zmZQOeEs.dpuf>

