Welcome to our Companion Animal Summer Newsletter.....

Summer can be a stressful time for our pets. Although we enjoy travel and exploring new places this is not always so for our dogs and cats.

They need a constant environment so holidays away from home are not always the best thing for them. Of course their attachment to their owner usually over rides any stress, so provided you are there too most pets are fine. Just remember to minimise their stress as much as you can.

Keep the car cool - hot dogs are Not happy dogs! Never leave your pet unattended in a car on even a slightly warm day. A car soon becomes a sauna, and dogs in particular are so susceptible to heat stress. Exercise your dogs early in the morning or in the cool of the evening when it’s not too hot.

Take their own food and bed with you - this applies to going into boarding kennels and catteries too if at all possible.

Some dogs will still be anxious during the journey, and in unfamiliar environments including kennels. Why not try an Adaptil Collar to help minimise their stress?

These collars produce the same pheromone that is produced by a mother dog to reassure her new puppies and has been proven to reduce stress naturally in our pet dogs.

The Adaptil range also has diffusers to be used in the home to reduce anxiety.

Each Adaptil collar works for 4 weeks and is Ideal for travel, kennels etc.

Feliway is the cat equivalent - available as a spray to use in cat travel baskets and at the cattery (and diffusers for use in the home). Feliway is a synthetic copy of the 'happy' pheromone produced by cats when they rub their face on people, furniture etc to sign that they are comfortable and safe.

For more information, testimonials etc., visit www.adaptil.co.uk and www.feliway.co.uk
The full range of Adaptil and Feliway are available at Park Vets and we are running a promotion on these products currently. With 50% off. These products in their diffuser forms are particularly useful around Bonfire night...watch this space for tips in our next newsletter Or check out our website www.park-vets.com

It goes without saying that your pets will need their vaccinations up to date. Either for travel abroad or for the cattery, kennels. If you're not sure, give us a call, we can check for you.

Most kennels these days require the intranasal (squirited up their nose!) Kennel Cough vaccination in addition to the usual annual booster. Check with the kennels if in doubt.

More Pet Passport information for travelling on holiday abroad can be found on our website.

**Rabbits**

Following on from Rabbit Awareness Week, we hope all you bunny owners are fully aware of fly strike and its prevention. In the warmer weather rabbits are particularly at risk from maggot infestation after flies lay their eggs on any dirty soiled fur or skin. Rabbits are at higher risk if they have dirty bottoms maybe because they are overweight, arthritic, have skin wounds or dental disease or a dirty hutch environment.

Fly strike is extremely painful and distressing and is often life threatening. Remember to check your rabbit’s bottom daily and ensure its hutch is clean and dry.

Protect your rabbit with an application of Rearguard. This will last for 8-10 weeks and is currently on offer at Park Vets for £23.50 + VAT

Rearguard is a sponge on product which prevents maggots hatching out. It is currently on special offer at Park Vets for the Summer season.

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**Vale of Glamorgan Show - Wednesday 12th August 2015**

Come and meet some of the Park Vets Team at our Trade Stand for refreshments and freebies at this year’s Vale of Glamorgan Show Everyone welcome!
24 HOUR EMERGENCIES

At Park Vets we provide a dedicated 24 hour emergency service to all out clients.

As well as routine appointments during the week and the weekend, our vets are on call to provide emergency care to critically ill and injured pets. Also at Park Vets, Veterinary Nurses are always on the premises 24 hours a day, 7 days a week so all our hospitalised patients are provided with professional continuous care.

Some of the cases we have treated during the last month have included a road traffic accidents, the ingestion of foreign bodies (including a springer spaniel who had a fish hook in his oesophagus, which was removed using our fibre optic endoscope), caesarians and numerous poisonings (Including slug pellets).

During emergency hours our telephone answering service will take your call, passing your details on to our vets who can give advice and arrange to see your pet. This will ensure your pets needs can be attended to by a vet with access to all relevant history.

Simon Moat

Health Club Vaccination Amnesty – Summer Special

We have teamed up with Merial to offer a Vaccination Amnesty to our Health Club Members. So if your pet is out of date with their boosters now is the ideal time to book an appointment and get them covered for Parvo Virus & Leptospirosis.

If you are not a Health Club Member you can buy one get one free.

Unfortunately this offer doesn’t apply to Kitten or Puppies under 6 months of age. But please see our Kitten and Puppy Packages for savings.

Julie - Health Club Manager
**Special offer**
onMilbemax Wormer

We have a fabulous special offer on Milbemax Wormer buy 3 get one free.

**Please ring 02920382211 for prices on all weights.**

**Update on Building Work**

We would like to thank all our valued clients for being so patient and understanding during recent building works. The work is now finished and we hope you agree with us on how lovely it looks. There is now a dedicated cat waiting area to minimise stress to both cat and owner and lots of new cat products to pamper your cat.

The building work also created a bigger waiting area generally so patients and clients can relax more on their visit.

**Hello and Goodbyes!**

Unfortunately we will be loosing Tracey Arend and Gavin Droney. Tracey has been mainly based in our Pontypridd Branch

Gavin on the otherhand has spent a lot of time in our 3 branches and with some of our local farms as a large animal vet. Good luck both of you in your upcoming adventures!

As we say goodbye to Tracey and Gavin we can say hello to Ryan Francis, Jonathan Faire, and Matthew Pack who are all joining us in the coming months.
Our fantastic team took part in a 10k pretty muddy race on 18th July and raised just over £300.00.

We would like to thank Charlotte, Aoife, Shelley, Laura Richards, Laura Williams Lauren, Morgan, Nicola and Sarah for raising so much.

If you would like to sponsor them please contact our Cardiff Branch, or pop in to complete a sponsorship form. Let’s show cancer what we are made of!

Fonmon Dog Show 25th May 2015

May bank holiday saw the summer in in style with the fun day dog show held at Fonmon Castle. We supported the show by sponsoring classes and attending with a stall, Suzanne Baxter judged the best cross breed section along with Sian Santini which was no easy task, so many beautiful dogs entered, it was a very popular class indeed!

Our stand had a "guess the cross-breed" competition which was won by Molly Hall, who correctly guessed the most number of cross breeds! Well done Molly! Our 10p lucky dip was also a huge success with so much support we raised £24.80 for the guide dogs charity!

We would like to thank all of our clients who attended and supported us through the day it was wonderful to see so many of you, our staff had a very enjoyable day and look forward to seeing you all again next year!
PUPPY AND KITTENS PACKAGES

Give your puppy the best start in life with our NEW Puppy Packages!!

- Keep your puppy healthy with a full course of puppy vaccinations (given at 8 and 12 weeks).
- A Free Puppy Health Check by one of our caring qualified vets.
- Free Microchip keeping your pet safe should it go missing.
- One free dose of Nexgard to keep fleas at bay.
- Free four weeks pet insurance for those unexpected vet fees.
- 10% discount off Neutering (valid up to 12 months of Age).
- Take advantage of a 25% discount off Milbemax worming pack (i.e. 4 for the price of 3).
- Join our free Youth Club with one of our qualified Nurses (*Only available at our Cardiff Surgery).
- Free food vouchers for Royal Canin.

All for £65.00 inc VAT

Give your kitten the best start in life with our NEW Puppy Packages!!

- Keep your Kitten healthy with a full course of Kitten vaccinations (given at 8 and 12 weeks).
- A Free Kitten Health Check by one of our caring qualified vets.
- Free Microchip keeping your pet safe should it go missing.
- One free dose of Broadline a combination flea & worming treatment.
- Free four weeks pet insurance for those unexpected vet fees.
- 10% discount off Neutering (valid up to 1 year of Age).
- Join our free Youth Club with one of our qualified Nurses (*Only available at our
Cardiff Surgery).
- Free food vouchers for Royal Canin.

All for £70.00 inc VAT
**SPECIAL OFFER FOR AUGUST – Vaccination Amnesty**

**Why it makes perfect sense to join our Pet Health Club**

- It helps you provide essential routine care for your pet, which is all part of being a responsible pet owner
- You save money on the cost of treatments and services that keep your pet healthy and happy
- You can spread the cost of routine care by convenient Direct Debit, making it easier to manage

**Save money and spread the cost with convenient direct debits**

**Included in your Health Club**

- Your Annual booster vaccination
- 12 months Flea and worm treatment

Check out the extra benefits of membership:

- Free micro chipping for dogs
- 25% off micro chipping for cats
- £30 annual voucher for out of hours treatment
- 10% off repeat prescriptions
- 10% off routine dentals and dentistry products
- 10% off routine neutering
- 15% off diets including prescription diets
- 10% off additional parasite control

**And it’s so easy to join**

Ask at reception and join our Pet Health Club today. There is no joining fee so just ask for an application form and we’ll get you started on a program of affordable life-long veterinary care for your pet.

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Travelling pets newsletter

Taking your pet on your travels?

Many of us enjoy escaping to the seaside, countryside or overseas for a break. If you’re taking your pet with you, make sure they can enjoy it too by protecting them against the bloodsucking parasites which can be found in these places.

Ticks live in all sorts of grassy, vegetated areas – sand dunes, country lanes, fields, parks and gardens. As people and pets brush past, ticks jump on, attach and start sucking blood. While feeding, ticks can transmit infectious diseases, including Lyme disease, which affects people as well as animals. Your pet is at even higher risk of tick-borne disease in continental Europe where different species of tick live and carry other diseases, some of which can be fatal.

Fleas can develop from flea eggs dropped by untreated wildlife in the same areas where ticks are likely to be found. Adult fleas hatch out from cocoons, jumping on to your pet and causing itching and discomfort. Your pet is also susceptible to bites from flying insects such as mosquitoes, sandflies and stable flies when travelling abroad. Their bites can be painful, and mosquitoes and sandflies can spread serious and potentially fatal diseases.

Please contact us so that we can recommend a product that will help keep your pet protected from these pesky parasites.

Is your dog moulting??

In the wild, moulting is triggered by the combination of temperature and day length that tells your dog what season it is and determines what coat it needs. Many dogs shed their undercoat each spring to help them cope with the warmer summer temperatures, and regrow it again as colder weather comes in.

But modern lifestyles and diets, variable climates and weather conditions these days mean these triggers can often get confused. In these situations, we often find that dogs start moulting all year round, creating more mess in the house and more work for the vacuum cleaner! In fact, more than half of the UK’s dogs are now moulting abnormally large amounts of hair.

So what controls moulting? At any one time, each individual hair will be in one of three phases of growth. In the active phase of growth (known as anagen), the hair grows continuously. Hairs in this phase won’t ‘moult’. In the resting phase (catagen), the hair stops growing and may become detached from the hair follicle. In this phase, the hairs will usually stay in place, but will come out with brushing or if your dog rubs against your leg or sofa! In the final phase (telogen) the hair falls out to make way for a new phase of growth.

Different hair follicles are in different phases. Moulting, length of hair and presence or absence of an undercoat depend upon the timing of these cycles and the ratio of hair follicles in the various stages. It will vary from dog to dog and breed to breed. If your dog is ‘moult ing’ all the time, it is likely that many of their follicles are in the resting phase and more likely to come out with contact with other surfaces (your carpet, furniture and clothes!).

These patterns of moulting are also affected by other key factors such as hormonal balances and nutrition. Hormones affect the growth phase of the hair follicles, which is why bitches in heat or pregnant bitches will often throw their coat.

Nutrition also plays a major part, particularly the levels of oils such as omega 3 and 6 in the skin, as these help to keep it moist, supple and healthy. The hair follicle and the hair it produces are part of the outer layer of the skin. Hairs don’t grow “through” the skin. They grow from skin and in a very real sense they’re part of the skin itself. So the condition of the skin and nutrition it receives strongly affects moulting patterns.

For more information on nutrition to reduce moulting or if you think your dog is moulting excessively, contact us on 02920382211 and speak to one of our nurses who can help!

EMMA H
Photo Gallery

We would love to see some photos of your pets out and about to add to our newsletter. You can email them to julie.parkvets@hotmail.co.uk or drop them into reception with a little note of when and where it was taken. We will then add them in a gallery to our next newsletter. Below are some staff pets for you to enjoy!!

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