

## Beat The Heat!!!



We all love summer, but there's no getting away from it- heat's a real killer. So here are some tips on how to survive it.

Make sure fresh clean water is available to all pets. You may even need to take some on walks.

Don't leave pets in cars

Avoid exercise in the heat of the day - particularly with old, overweight dogs and dogs with heart problems; stick to early mornings and evenings.

Consider trimming dogs' coats - old dogs and dogs with heart problems need to be kept cool.

Get a fan or use a plant mister to cool old dogs if necessary.

Put a daily daub of high factor, waterproof sunblock on unpigmented areas of skin that are poorly covered by hair to help prevent skin cancer. This is particularly important in white cats whose ears and noses are predisposed to cancer.

If your pet is going into kennels this summer don't forget to make sure they are up to date with their vaccinations.

## Stop The Cough - Vaccinate

During the summer months dogs staying in boarding kennels and other dogs they meet afterwards may be at risk from kennel cough ( Acute tracheobronchitis).



Most healthy dogs eventually make a full recovery but symptoms can persist for 3-4 weeks during which time the dog should be rested, and as the infection is highly contagious contact with other dogs should be avoided.

Some more severe cases of kennel cough need treatment with antibiotics, but the disease will still run its course until the animals own immune system has rid itself of the infection. We can prime the dogs immunity to deal quickly with the infection and prevent it developing into kennel cough. This **KENNEL COUGH VACCINE** is a single dose of nasal droplets which once administered lasts for 12 months. This can be given on its own or at the same time as your dogs annual booster injection. For more information about this and other animal health care topics see our website : [www.daleheadvets.co.uk](http://www.daleheadvets.co.uk)

## Holidaying With Your Pet



With the Pet Travel Scheme in place, many more owners are taking their dogs and cats on holiday, and to live in other countries, with no need for a stay in quarantine on the way back. Your pet will need to be microchipped, vaccinated against rabies and have a blood test done to prove that sufficient immunity has developed. They may not re- enter the U.K until six months later, and then only after certain tick and tapeworm treatments have been carried out and certified before arrival in the U.K.

Please ask us for more details.