



June 17th-25th celebrates **Rabbit Awareness Week** at Dalehead Veterinary Group. Having rabbits as pets is becoming more popular. Not only are rabbits kept as outdoor pets, but they are increasingly being kept indoors as house rabbits too. This comes as no surprise as they are inquisitive, friendly and can become very loving members of the family. Whether your rabbit lives indoors or outdoors we want to ensure they live a long and healthy life.

Visit our website at www.daleheadvetgroup.co.uk/companion/caring-for-your-pet/rabbit-health.aspx where you will find a whole host of information on vaccinations, neutering, nutrition, parasites and housing for your rabbit.

During RAW week we are holding **FREE OF CHARGE** health checks for your rabbit with one of our fully qualified veterinary nurses. During these appointments we examine eyes, ears, teeth, weight check, nail clip, husbandry advice and great tips on how to keep your bunny healthy and happy and to promote responsible ownership.

To book an appointment with your rabbit please contact the surgery on 01729 823538



You And Your Dog In The Countryside

(Part 4)

There's lots you can do to help protect the environment and keep it safe and enjoyable for everyone. You and your dog can make a real difference....here's how.

Even well-behaved, friendly dogs can scare birds and other animals away from their young. Their eggs or newly-hatched chicks could then become cold and may die, or get eaten by other animals and birds.

- Make sure your dog doesn't chase any wildlife. This can cause injury and distress to both wildlife and your dog-especially if your pet gets lost, stuck down a hole or runs across a road.
- Keep your dog close to you so it does not sniff out and flush nesting birds during the spring and early summer. Keep your dog on a short lead in areas of open country between 1st March and 31st July.



Other rare birds are most sensitive in winter when they roost on the ground, as they can become exhausted and die if frequently disturbed.

- Follow official signs and advice in areas containing sensitive wildlife.
- Clear up dog mess. It can affect the special soils that rare plants need to survive.
- Stop your dog from digging up plants or young trees.

Support the people that manage the countryside. You and your dog can help farmers keep their animals happy, safe and healthy if you:

- Make sure your dog is wormed every 3 months, to protect its own health and that of all other animals and your family.
- Keep your dog on a lead near farm animals, to prevent injury to them and your dog.

Be particularly careful when there are lambs and other young farm animals about; being chased by a dog can kill young and unborn animals, so give them plenty of space. Your dog is also more likely to be attacked by parent animals at this time as they are naturally protecting their young.



Always carry a poop scoop bag with you and pick up after your dog. Take the waste, and any other litter, away with you until you get to a bin, even if this means your dustbin at home.

We are lucky enough to live in a beautiful area, plentiful with wildlife and agricultural animals. We have ideal walking countryside—lets look after it and keep it that way!



Check out our website www.daleheadvetgroup.co.uk for more information about caring for your pet, special offers, vet and staff profiles and much more!

