

Pets need Passports too!



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Are you thinking of going abroad this year with your four-legged friend? Have you completed the necessary Pet Passport correctly? We are here to help you through the easy steps of The 'Pet Travel Scheme' (PETS), so your beloved family pet can obtain the necessary document, and not have to stay behind and miss the sun!

Step 1 Your pet (dogs, cats, including guide and hearing dogs) will need microchipping, for identification.

Step 2 Next, they must be vaccinated against rabies.

Step 3 21-28 days after vaccination, a blood test is carried out to check for positive antibodies. If it shows a negative result, the vaccination must be repeated along with another blood test.

Step 4 Once the test shows a good result, a 6-month waiting period is then required before your pet can leave and **then re-enter the UK**. In not complying with this, re-entry for your pet will be refused, meaning quarantine for 6 months and at your expense.

Step 5 For re-entry into the UK, your pet must also be treated against ticks and tapeworms in the presence of a vet who can document this in your pet's passport. **This must be not less than 24 hours and not more than 48 hours before they are checked in** with an approved transport company for the return journey into the UK.

Take Note Some other countries within the EU, require a 21-day waiting period after the rabies vaccination, before they will allow entry. A full listing of countries covered by 'PETS' is available on www.defra.gov.uk



REMEMBER...

If your dog or cat leaves the UK, they may not re-enter under PETS until 6 calendar months have passed from the date that your vet took the blood sample, which led to a satisfactory test result.

Many people successfully travel abroad and return to the UK with their petsand the key to it all?

Allow at least 8 months preparation time, before embarking on your travels, comply with all the rules, and in doing this, you and your pet should enjoy a happy holiday together. Bon Voyage!

Come and see your vet at Hollybank to discuss the 'Pet Travel Scheme' in further detail or visit www.defra.gov.uk



Lily Blunder at Premiere

With my job as a high profile reporter, I'm always receiving invites to cover various events. Glitzy, very enjoyable and a perk of the job one might say! Last week I attended the film premiere of 'Cats and the City' and on arrival, found the venue adorned with lilies, which I have to say actually made me feel quite faint. Indeed a beautiful flower, but if you are a cat, you need to steer well clear of them! **So I hasten to report to you all about the dangers of Lilies.**

Every part of this plant is a threat to us felines, the stem, leaves, flowers, stamen and the pollen. The Tiger, Stargazer, Easter, Rubrum, Japanese and Asiatic Lily, to name but a few in the Liliaceae Family, are highly poisonous to cats. By nature, felines are inquisitive creatures, especially the young and in particular kittens. In my line of work news travels fast. There have been reports of unfortunate illness and sadly in some cases fatalities, from fallen pollen licked off coats and paws whilst grooming, to lily flowers and leaves bitten at playfully in the garden, or as they sit in a vase indoors. **It only takes just a small amount of this plant to be swallowed,** to cause vomiting, lethargy, breathing difficulties, depression and loss of appetite.



If you recognise any of these symptoms, or even suspect that your cat has been in contact or eaten any part of a lily, please take them straight to a vet for immediate treatment, as lily poisoning can cause acute kidney failure. The sooner treatment can begin the better, to help reduce the risk of permanent damage to the kidneys. So to all you cat owners out there, play it safe and avoid having lilies in your house or garden. **This was Carrie Cat reporting for Hollybank Vets News.**



Carrie Cat reporter extraordinaire!

Contact us for further information on substances, food and plants, which are poisonous to pets, or visit www.rspca.org.uk/poisoning or www.vpisuk.co.uk

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No Laughing Matter

Seeing a dog scooting or dragging its rear end along the ground is quite a strange sight, and often makes people laugh. However, for your dog it is not funny, as there is a very irritating reason behind it!

Causes Your pet has anal glands that are situated either side of the anus, which produce a yellow coloured fluid. This is normally released when your dog passes their faeces. Sometimes these anal glands do not empty as they naturally should, and so become full, causing your pet pain and great discomfort. In an attempt to release the fluid and ease the irritation, your dog will then 'scoot' its bottom along the ground.

What to Watch For

- Excessive nibbling/licking under the tail area and anus
- Scooting or dragging the rear end
- Sitting lopsided to avoid pressure on the full glands
- Swellings/inflammation around the anus area

Treatment

If you notice your pet having trouble, bring them along to the surgery for a check-up. Left untreated, these glands can become infected, and abscesses may form causing further complications. In general, all that is required is for the vet to gently express the glands to clear the fluid that has built up. This is a simple but slightly disagreeable process, as the odour of this fluid is rather unpleasant! Antibiotics or anti-inflammatory medication may be prescribed, and in the more chronic cases, removal of the anal glands is sometimes necessary.

As always we are here to advise and help you with any queries you have, so please do not hesitate to contact us.

BE LUNGWORM AWARE
www.lungworm.co.uk

Don't Forget!
 With the increasing appearance of lungworm cases, ensure your pet is fully protected. Please ask for further details on treatments against this parasite.

Staff Update Sarah Gait

Hollybank are delighted to announce that Sarah BvetMed MRCVS has joined the team here as our third vet! After graduating from the Royal Veterinary College, London in July 2010, she set off to travel the world, and spent time working at a charity animal centre in Fiji. Now back in the UK, Sarah has settled in Sandiway, and is looking forward to getting involved in the local community. She has a great interest in all aspects of small animal care, and has won a prize in Feline Medicine. Please join us in welcoming Sarah, and we hope you will have the opportunity to meet her very soon.



Guidelines for Pets

Gardens Animals are inquisitive, so store and use all garden products wisely. Provide a shady area for guinea pigs and rabbits.

Ensure exercise runs are placed away from flowers and foliage, as some species can be poisonous to your pets if eaten.

Inspect your rabbit's bottom once or twice a day for the condition of 'flystrike'. Flies can lay eggs in this area and hatching maggots eat the skin and underlying tissue. It can be fatal, so if you suspect this problem, quickly bring your pet to the surgery, as they will require immediate veterinary attention.

It's B-B-Q time, so ensure bone debris is carefully disposed of, as these can get lodged in your pet's mouth, throat and stomach.

Sun Sunblock the tips of white cats' ears.

Regulate your pet's time spent in the sun.

Ensure animals have access to shady areas.

Exercise dogs in the cooler morning or evening air.

Heat NEVER leave your pet in the car, or in closed conservatories at home. Both reach oven like temperatures! Provide plenty of fresh clean drinking water. Pets can suffer from heatstroke or dehydration very quickly, which can sadly be fatal. If you see signs of increased panting, excessive salivation, anxiousness, vomiting or lethargy, call us immediately for advice.



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