

Melton Vets News.

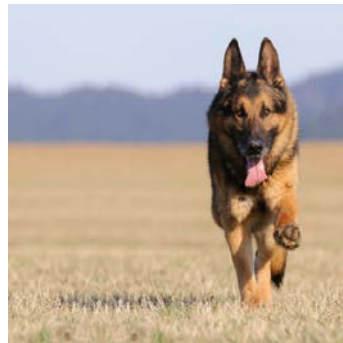
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Ten Top Tips to keep holiday stress to a minimum for you and your dog!

1. Check your dog's vaccination schedule is up to date. The kennels may not take your dog if you are behind with their vaccinations.
2. Make sure that they have had their kennel cough vaccine within the last 6 months.
3. If your dog is elderly or has been unwell check that your dog is fit enough to cope with a stay in kennels.
4. To reduce any potential stress fit an Adaptil Collar to your dog 24 hours before you go away.
5. Make sure you take at least some of the dogs bedding with you to the kennels. However, only leave bedding that you do not mind becoming soiled or even destroyed.
6. If your dog is on long term medication explain to the kennels when and how this is given.
7. If your dog has a sensitive stomach or is a fussy eater check with the kennels that they are happy to feed your dog's usual food.
8. If you wish to provide your dog's usual food make sure you supply enough for the entire stay.
9. Check the times you are able to drop off and pick up your dog.
10. Let the vet know your going away and where your dog is staying so we know you are ok for us to treat your pet if you can't be reached.



Our first newsletter!

Summer 2017 has seen some changes at Melton, the first being the addition of our first newsletter.

We aim to produce a newsletter that will be emailed to clients and placed on our website

quarterly. The aim of the newsletter will be to let our clients know of any staff changes and promotions in practice as well as to give advice and share stories of our lovely pets.

We hope to increase our

email list so please ensure that you let us know your most up to date contact details so we can stay in touch.

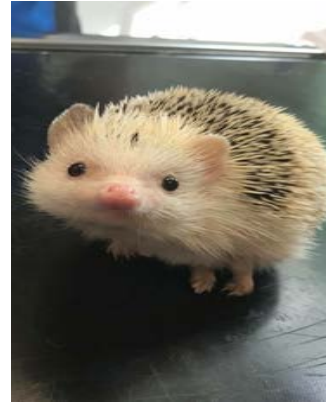
Hello and Goodbye!

As some of you may already be aware Joe Williams has moved on to be the Small Animal Director within the CVS group. This means that he will no longer be seeing patients. We are all obviously sad to see Joe go but wish him well.

The role of Clinical Director will be taken on by Karen Learmonth, who has been our Head Nurse for six years so knows the practice very

well. Kate Allgood will also be stepping up to a senior vet role! We wish them both well in their new roles.

We also welcome Meg as our new receptionist and her handsome hedgehog Stan!



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Summer ready tips

With the warm weather upon us it's important that we think about our pets and how to keep them cool. Here at Melton we have put together some top tips for the hot weather:

- Tarmac can get very hot, if it's too hot for hands it's too hot for paws.
- Walk your dog at the cooler times of day, walking in a fur coat in heat isn't fun.
- Beware of lakes and ponds, not all are safe for dogs to swim.
- Never leave your dog unattended in a car. The temperature can quickly increase.
- If you are having a BBQ think about your pet and keep them away from hot

coals, gas cylinders and toxic foods such as garlic and onion.

Keep an eye on our Facebook page for more top tips on keeping your pet safe this summer.

Free Blood Pressure Checks in November.

In November Melton Veterinary Surgery will be offering free blood pressure checks for all patients over 8 years old.

An increase in blood pressure can indicate a number of disease processes and well as causing health

issues in its own right. In order to try to catch any issues in our older patients as early as possible the nursing team will be offering free checks. The clinics will involve a blood pressure check and look over by one of our lovely nursing team.

Should a problem be found our clients will get a 10% discount off the initial appointment needed with a vet and any investigation.

Look out for our post and Facebook updates about this in September.