



Opening times:

At the Croft Veterinary Clinic we offer appointments throughout the day

Monday-Friday
8.45am to 7pm

Saturday 9am to 2pm



If you have an emergency out of hours, please ring the normal number. Our cover is provided by emergency specialists Vets Now in Longton.



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Summer 2011 Newsletter

Here is some useful information on Baby Birds from the RSPB.....

It's common in spring and summer to find young birds sitting on the ground or hopping about without any sign of their parents. Don't worry this is normal. They are never far away. *Fledglings should be left where they are in the care of their parents.* The young of most familiar garden birds fledge once they are fully feathered, but before they are able to fly, they spend a day or two on the ground while their feathers finish developing.



What if a bird is in danger? The removal of a fledgling from the wild reduces its long-term chances of survival to a small fraction. If the bird is in a dangerous, exposed location then it makes sense to move it a short distance to a safer place but within hearing distance of its parents. The adult birds will be in cover, close by, and will tend to the youngster the moment you move away. Only remove a fledgling as a very last resort.

Can I put it back in its nest? If the young bird is unfeathered or covered on fluffy down[a nestling] and has fallen out of a nest, it may be possible to put it back. If this can't be done the chick is dependent on humans for survival, and it should be passed on to an expert rehabilitator.

All birds, their nest and eggs are protected by law to give birds the very best chance of long-term survival.

The closest centre to serve our area is

Stapeley Grange Wildlife Centre

London Road, Stapeley, Nantwich, Cheshire, CW5 7JW Tel: 0300 123 0722

Winter hours are 8am to 8pm

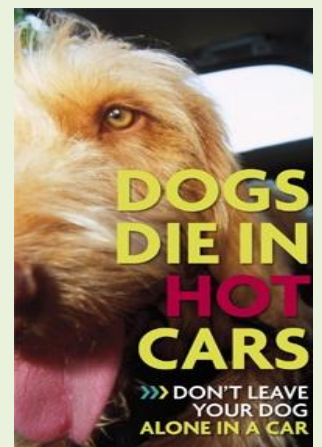
Summer hours are 8am to 9pm

During the summer months we will be supporting local events – **7th August Midsummer Mayhem** at Lyme Valley Parkway. See friends of Lyme Valley parkway website for details.

These are days when you can support the local event enjoying the attractions. We will be there to offer help and advice.

We will be working with the Dog Wardens to promote responsible pet ownership.

Remember - in a hot stuffy car dogs can't cool down - leaving a window open or a sunshield on your windscreen won't keep your car cool enough.



Enjoy the summer but beware of summertime hazards.....



Gardeners remember that some plants, bulbs and tubers are poisonous to pets.

Slug pellets and weed killers also need to be kept away from pets. Although some state that they are safe around pets when used in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions the Veterinary Poisons website has information to show that they can still be dangerous when ingested by pets.

Sticks can cause damage in two ways. By traumatic damage at the time of injury and by splinters and fragments which may migrate through the body causing abscessing and infection. We have seen dogs that have run onto a stick which has wedged in the ground, causing severe puncture wounds. **Safestix have been designed in consultation with UK vets, to provide safe play.**



Throw **safestix** instead



Fleas and Ticks are an all year round problem but through the summer months your pets will be out and about and more prone to contacting flea eggs or ticks.

Use prevention year round which will also guard against flea bite allergies.



Rabbits are prone to fly strike during hot summer months, and an affected rabbit can die within twelve hours of being struck.

Obese or old rabbits are most at risk but fly strike is unpredictable. Call and talk to our nurses for advice on how to prevent yours from becoming infected.



Taking your pets out for the day or on holiday.....

If you are planning days out or a holiday with your pet it is worth a quick look on the internet to find out where you will be welcome. There are many very informative websites dedicated to pets being welcome.

Dogfriendly is one we use and they also have an iphone app!!

Wherever you plan to travel to, make sure your pet is accustomed to car travel, and when in the car your pet has adequate room, ventilation and shade and that fresh water is regularly available.

Canine seat belts are available and some countries do insist on them or that your pet is in a cage. If going abroad please make sure you start your pet passport in plenty of time and check with DEFRA what the countries requirements are as they can change.

Ensure you have your pet's regular food for the trip, and any medication they may be on.

Identification on the collar is required and when on holiday a second tag with this address is a good idea. It's also a good idea to make sure your pet is microchipped and your current details are registered.

Make sure your pet is kept on a lead in public places and that you pick up after your pet. Check beach restrictions as some are in force through the summer months.

There are vests available which will keep your pet cool in the summer months examples of these are the **Ruffwear swamp cooler** dog coat or the **Hyperkewl Evaporation cooling coat for dogs.**

