



# The Brookfield Times

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## Charles gets hitched!



On Saturday 19th May was the wedding of the year—no, not the Royal wedding, but the Brice wedding! Our vet Charles tied the knot with Fran, from Belmont Vets! A huge congratulations to the new Mr and Mrs Brice, they were

## Ledbury's new face

Over the summer you will be seeing Madeleine Collyer, on a Friday and Saturday. Maddie, although British - graduated from the University of Sydney with a BVSc(hons) in 2005 and has worked in small animal practice ever since. She has a GP Certificate in Feline Medicine and is qualified as a veterinary acupuncturist. Maddie loves the day to day interaction with people and their pets! She is particularly interested in medicine and is currently working towards an Advanced Veterinary Certificate. Maddie has recently



## We're back at it

After a successful half marathon last year raising a huge £2398.50 for St Michaels Hospice, we've decided to run the Cardiff half marathon again this year! Seven members of the team will be running the 13.5 miles on Sunday 7th October and we will aim to raise £1000 for St Michaels Hospice, as it is a charity close to our hearts. If you would like to help us on our way, we have a fund raising page



## Nikki Qualifies

Nikki started with us way back in 2012 doing work experience as a part of her Animal Management course at Holme Lacey College. In 2016 Nikki became full time and started her level 3 diploma in Veterinary Nursing and after two years of hard work, we can proudly say that she has now qualified! You'll now be seeing her in her dark green tunic and in



## Fly strike and your rabbit

### What is fly strike?

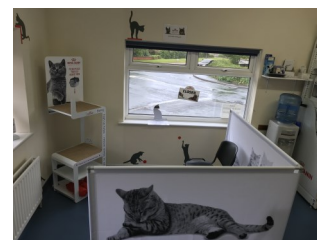
Flystrike is often a rapidly fatal disease caused by flies laying their eggs on damp areas of a rabbits skin and fur; the eggs will then hatch into maggots and they can eat into your rabbit's flesh within 24 hours which can cause death in a short amount of time. Latest research shows that flystrike starts in the spring and peaks in July and August.

### How do I prevent fly strike?

- Check your rabbit's bottom daily (more than once in summer).
- If there is any urine or faeces, clean and dry the area.
- Keep your rabbit's environment clean so that it does not attract flies. Remove dirty bedding and litter.

## Feline Friendly in the Reception

Our next goal here at Brookfield is to achieve our 'cat friendly' status; In reception you will now see a cat waiting area. In the sectioned off area we have a stand on which to park your carrier and there are blankets to place over the basket—all to reduce your cat's stress when visiting the practice. We hope that you



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Keeping your dogs cool this summer



## HOT DOGS!

Dogs can suffer fatal heatstroke within minutes. Unlike humans, dogs are unable to sweat through their skin and so they rely on panting and releasing heat through their paw pads and nose to regulate their body temperature and keep cool.

Signs to look out for are; excessive panting and salivation and in worst cases, collapse. If you suspect your pet is suffering from the condition, move them to a cool place, preferably with a draught, wet their coat with cool (not freezing) water, and contact your vet immediately. Once a dog shows signs of heatstroke the damage is often already done, which is why it's so important to prevent it.

### How to keep your dog cool and prevent heat stroke:

- Ensure that your dog always has access to clean water and make sure that you carry water and a bowl with you on walks.

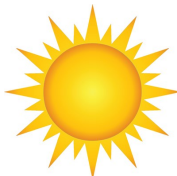
- Take your dog for a walk in the cooler parts of the day (mornings and late evenings) when it is a hot day.

- Keep an eye out for signs of over-heating, including energy loss and heavy panting. If these signs occur whilst out on a walk, you should stop and find shade and give your dog water,

- NEVER leave your dog (or any pet) alone in a car, even with the windows open.

- You can make your dog's favourite foods into cooling tasty treats putting them in ice cubes or stuff a Kong and pop it in the freezer.

- Be particularly careful with short nosed dogs such as bull breeds, boxers, pugs, older dogs, and those that are overweight. These



## TAKING YOUR PET ON HOLIDAY

If you are planning on taking your pet abroad, there are a few things you need to do to be ready...

- A Pet Passport can be issued once your pet is Microchipped, Health checked and vaccinated against Rabies.
- 1-5 days prior to re-entering the UK you need to take your pet to a local Vet to have a Tapewormer administered and recorded in your pets passport.
- If travelling outside the EU, your pet may need to have a blood test before you travel so you will need to plan in advance.
- We recommend that you protect your pet whilst travelling, against parasites that may not be present in this country so please feel free to ask for more information.
- If you are enjoying a trip away in the UK, ensure your pet is up to date with their flea, tick and worming control as well as being up to date with



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