



**TRAFFORD  
VETERINARY  
CENTRE**



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**Opening times**

**Monday – Friday 8.30am – 6.45pm**

**Saturday**

**9.00am -12.00 pm**

**Consultations by appointment**

**Consulting times**

**Monday-Friday**

**9.00-10.30am**

**2.00- 3.00pm**

**4.00- 6.30pm**

**9.30-11.30am**



# Spring/Summer 2013

## We Have Moved



Trafford Vets has now completed the move over to the new premises at 16A Davyhulme Circle. We are currently settling in extremely well and are looking to host an open day on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May for clients to be able to see our new facilities for their pets.

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Our contact numbers remain the same as follows:

Tel: 0161 747 9002

Fax: 0161 747 9003

Out of hours 24 hour emergency cover:  
0161 486 6156

## May Bank Holiday

Just to let all our clients know we will be closed on the following dates –

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May**

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May**

We will be open as normal

on **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May** and

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May.**



For any emergencies whilst we are closed please contact Cheadle Hulme A+E Veterinary Hospital on **0161 486 2355**

## New Microchip Laws

The Government is proposing compulsory microchipping for all dogs from April 2016 to help reunite owners with lost or stolen pets, relieve the burden on animal charities and local authorities and protect the welfare of dogs by promoting responsible dog ownership.



Currently there are around 8 million pet dogs in the UK. Nearly 60 per cent are already chipped.

We can offer microchipping of your pets at a reduced cost alongside yearly vaccinations, or with routine surgeries whilst under sedation or anaesthetic so please ask a member of staff for more information.

## Practice News



Just to let you know Shelley one of our VN's is pregnant and will off on maternity leave from the beginning of summer. We wish her and her family the best of luck!

# Travelling Abroad With Your Pet



Now is the time of year that owners start to think about travelling abroad and taking their pets with them. Here we have listed some helpful hints and tips to try and give some guidance on the Pets Travel Scheme.

- The rules for travelling with your pet changed on the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2012, effectively making it easier and cheaper for owners to prepare their animals for travel.
- Under the Pet Travel Scheme, pets from the EU and other countries with robust veterinary systems (listed non-EU countries), such as the USA and Australia, will be required to vaccinate against rabies and then wait 21 days after vaccination before they travel. Other tests or vaccinations may also be required.
- Pets from unlisted, non-EU countries, such as India, Brazil and South Africa, will need to meet stricter criteria. This includes vaccination against rabies, a blood test, and a three month wait after the blood sample before they enter the UK. We advise to check [www.defra.gov.uk/pets](http://www.defra.gov.uk/pets) for more information.
- All dogs must be treated for tapeworm up to five days before **entering** the UK by a vet which also needs to be signed as proof it has been done. Pet owners planning to travel abroad with their animals are advised to discuss with their vets what they are required to do some time before their travel dates, as part of good animal health practice. Tapeworm treatment will need to be an approved/licensed veterinary medicine
- Tick treatment for pet animals returning to the UK will no longer be required. All pet owners travelling abroad with their animals should discuss with their vets the use of treatments, along with possible prevention of leishmaniasis.
- We would also strongly advise speaking with the airline or travel company you plan on traveling with for further information and advice.

For more information on passports and costs involved please ask a member Of staff who will be happy to help you.



# Beat The Heat This Summer

As we (hopefully!) enjoy the warm sunny summer weather it's worth sparing a thought for our four legged friends. Here we look at a few steps you can take to keep them fit and well!



- Make sure fresh clean water is available to all pets – you may even need to take some on walks and avoid exercise in the heat of the day – particularly with old, overweight dogs with heart problems; stick to early mornings and evenings
- Cats are natural sun bathers, but cats with white noses and ear tips are particularly vulnerable to sun burn and subsequent skin cancer. This risk can be reduced by keeping them out of the sun, or by applying sunblock to these areas during the summer months.
- Watch out also for grass seeds (awns) of the meadow grasses. They commonly become trapped in dogs ears – causing violent head shaking, or may become embedded in the feet or other areas.
- Bee and wasp stings are another seasonal problem. Some pets are allergic to their stings and may need prompt veterinary attention