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## PRACTICE NEWS

Welcome to the Mackie & Brechin  
Summer Newsletter.

With summer upon us and (hopefully) some more warm weather ahead, its time to get out and about to enjoy it. Please remember though, we must be mindful of our furry friends. Always ensure that dogs are rested with plenty of water and cooling breaks if on long walks and remember that a pet should never be left unaccompanied in a car, even with the windows open.

To help **keep cool** we are offering a **10% discount** on cooling toys in June and to support rabbit awareness week we are offering a **10% discount** on rabbit vaccinations and a free nurse clinic.

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# SUMMER HAZARDS - BBQS



**When we are having our BBQs during the summer months, lots of people know that hot coals can be a danger for pets. But the smoke from the BBQ can also irritate your pet's airway, especially if they can't move away.**

**Always make sure any small pets are far away from the BBQ and let dogs or cats inside the house if they seem to be getting a little too close to hot BBQs or smoke.**

**Don't be tempted to give your pet tasty treats from the BBQ. Many human foods are best avoided by pets and alcohol is a definite no-no.**

**Ask guests not to leave food, skewers or hot cooking tools within your pet's reach.**

**Important - Make sure waste bins are secure, corn on the cob husks and wrappers can be very tempting for your pet but can cause dangerous gut blockages.**

## SEASONAL PROMOTION

**~ 10% OFF COOLING TOYS ~**



**To help inject a little extra safe fun into summer we are giving 10% off all cooling merchandise during June and July. There are various offerings from chew toys to cooling mats.....**



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# SUMMER HAZARDS - STINGS, ALLERGIES & BLUE-GREEN ALGAE



Other dangers to watch out for in summer are insect bites or stings, blue-green algae in water and allergy flare ups. Please keep an eye out for warning signs and always ensure it is safe before allowing your dog to swim or drink from standing water.

## WARNING

**Blue-green Algae bloom(s) have been spotted in this waterbody!**

**Avoid Harmful Blue-green Algae Blooms while swimming, fishing and boating**



**Keep kids and pets away from areas with blooms or scum.  
Swim, fish and boat in areas with no blooms or scum.**

**Contact can make people and animals sick.**

**If contact occurs, rinse with clean water.  
If symptoms occur, contact a medical provider.**



Blooms can look like streaks, spilled paint, pea soup, floating clumps or dots.

## RABBIT AWARENESS WEEK (RAW)

**~ 10% off vaccines and free nurse clinics ~**



**This year Rabbit Awareness Week takes place from the  
30<sup>th</sup> June to the 7<sup>th</sup> July.**

**To help promote awareness of good rabbit husbandry and health we are offering a free nurse clinic to answer any bunny related queries and 10% off rabbit vaccines for those who may have missed their yearly booster during this period.**

**Also keep an eye out for our facebook posts during RAW week for other useful information.**

# INSURANCE PROCESS



- ★ Please read the following useful information for when your animal is insured and you would like to make a claim for treatment.
- ★ Please remember to advise us what condition you are claiming for.
- ★ Your insurance company may charge you an excess for each new condition.
  - ★ We aim to complete your claim within 10-14 days of receipt.
- ★ We do not routinely accept direct claims (where your insurance company pays us directly after a claim has been made). However, if there are exceptional circumstances please ask to speak to our practice manager.
- ★ There is an administration charge for completing a claim and the cost depends on whether it is a new condition or an existing condition.
- ★ This administration fee covers the cost of nursing staff time to process the claim, and the veterinary surgeon's time to check and sign-off the claim.
- ★ When sending or handing in your claim, please make sure you have completed the following:
  - policy number
  - the condition you are wanting to claim for
  - that you have signed the form!





# PET BLOOD BANK

Can your dog be a blood donor?



Every unit of blood can help to save  
the lives of up to four other dogs



- ✓ 1-8 years old
- ✓ Over 25kg
- ✓ Fit and healthy
- ✓ Confident
- ✓ Enjoys meeting new people

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A huge thank you to everyone who  
attended our blood donation  
session on 16 March

16 dogs  
attended

11 units  
donated

Up to 44  
lives saved!



**Thank you to everyone who has  
been involved in donating to  
the Pet Blood Bank. Our last  
session was held on Sunday 16  
May 2025 with fantastic results.**

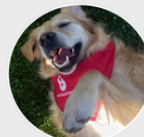
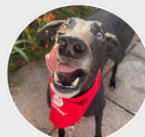
**Our next session is on Sunday  
3 August 2025. Please get in  
touch if you would be  
interested in donating.**

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**Join the lifesaving community today!**  
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# **STAFF NEWS**

We would like to extend a very warm welcome to our newest receptionist Charlotte. Charlotte joined us earlier this year and many of you will already have met her at our Kirkliston surgery. Charlotte comes with a wealth of experience having already worked within the veterinary sector prior to joining Mackie & Brechin. She has two British Shorthair cats of her own, Tommy and Lola, and particularly enjoys meeting other British Shorthairs in the practice.



## **USEFUL INFORMATION**

### **ONLINE PRESCRIPTION ORDERING**

Please remember that as well as ordering your prescriptions by telephone, you can also order them online. Go to our website and follow the link on our home page or follow the link below:

[www.mackieandbrechin.co.uk/services/repeat-prescriptions](http://www.mackieandbrechin.co.uk/services/repeat-prescriptions)

Please remember to give us at least 2 working days notice before collection.

## **OUT OF HOURS**

If you require a vet outside normal opening hours please call 0131 333 3203. You will hear a message directing you to VetsNow, our out of hours emergency care provider.

# Pet Healthcare Plan

The aim of our Pet Healthcare plan is to provide your pet with the best possible preventative healthcare, whilst allowing you to spread the cost with affordable monthly payments throughout the year.

Vaccination is extremely important to protect your pet from infectious diseases and maintain good health. All plans therefore incorporate **annual boosters** including **kennel cough** for dogs and risk assessed **feline leukaemia virus** for cats. Parasite prevention, especially worming, is also vital in protecting the health of your pet and family. All treatments should be based on risk and so we have two options for dogs and cats with tick and worming treatments dependent on their lifestyle:

Dog Healthplan	Yearly Boosters	Kennel Cough	Formulation	Lungworm Protection	Tick Protection
Standard	✓	✓	Spot-On	✓	25% discount
Alternative	✓	✓	Tablet	✓	✓

Cat Healthplan	Yearly Boosters	Feline Leukaemia	Worming	Combined Flea/Tick/Worming
Indoor	✓	✓ (risk assessed)	YEARLY	-
Outdoor	✓	✓	-	3-MONTHLY

In addition to the above all plans come with the following benefits:

**6 monthly health check**

**25% discount on 3 monthly med checks for animals on long-term medication**

**25% discount on tick prevention where required**

**Unlimited nurse consultations**

**(eg. weight clinics, nail clips, routine gland clearing)**

**Text and email reminders**

**£10 microchipping**

**10% DISCOUNTS on:**

**Surgery, Neutering, Imaging, In-house Blood Tests, Additional Vaccinations (eg Rabies), Travel Documents (health and export certificates) Dental Treatment, Food & Treats, Preventative Healthcare Products.**

Joining is very straightforward. If you are interested in a simple, affordable way of protecting your pet's health please ask a member of staff or have a look on our website.



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