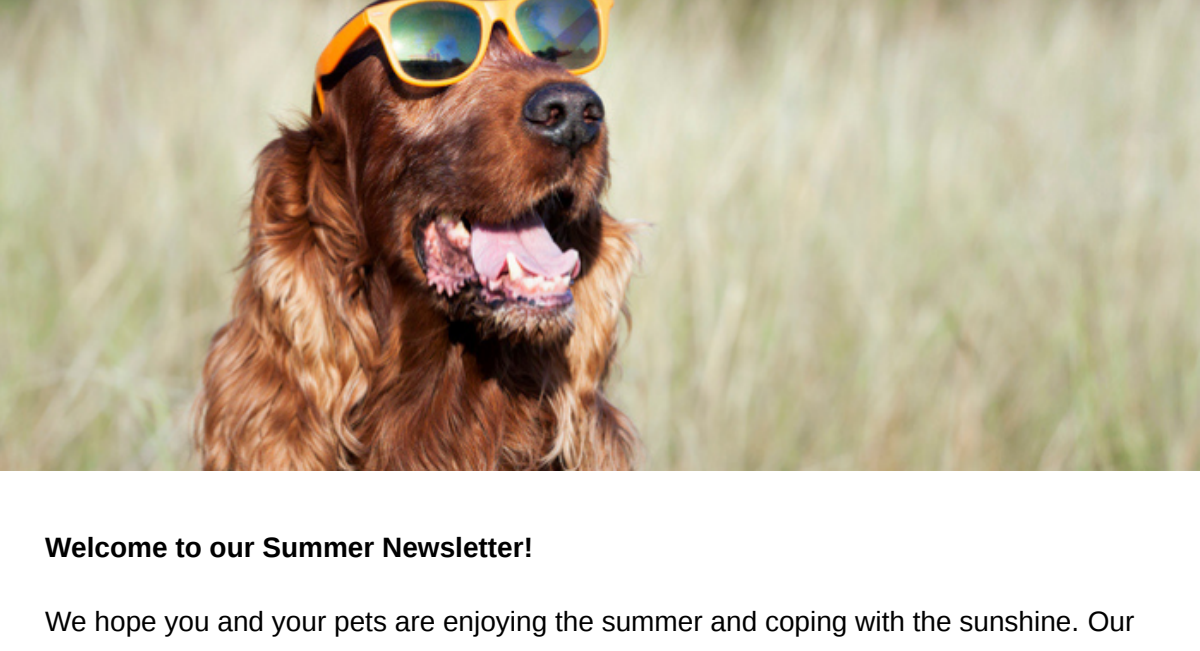
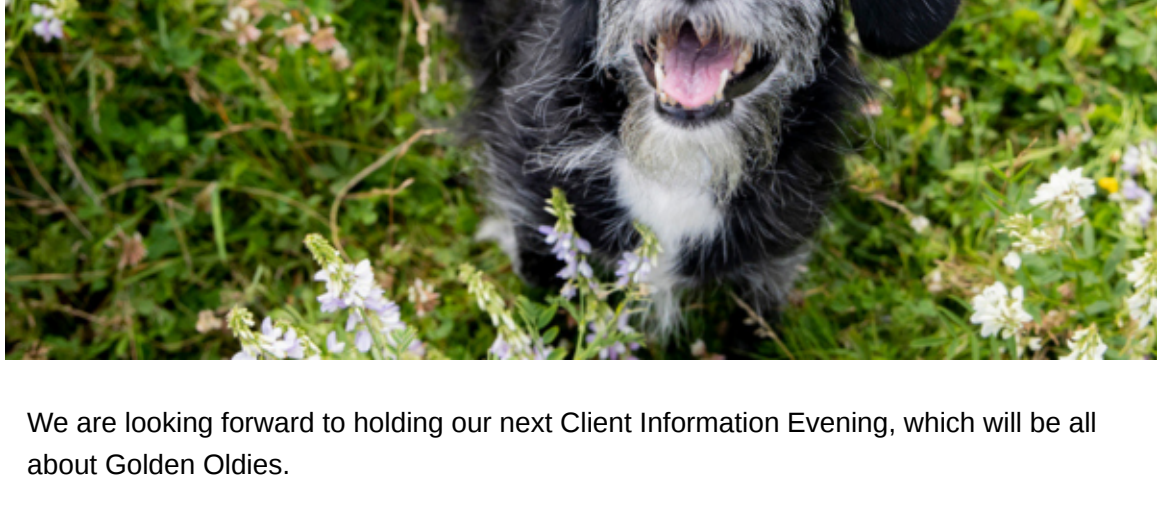




Welcome to our Summer Newsletter!

We hope you and your pets are enjoying the summer and coping with the sunshine. Our summer newsletter is here to update you on practice news and give handy tips on how to keep your companions safe over the summer months.

Client Information Evening - Golden Oldies

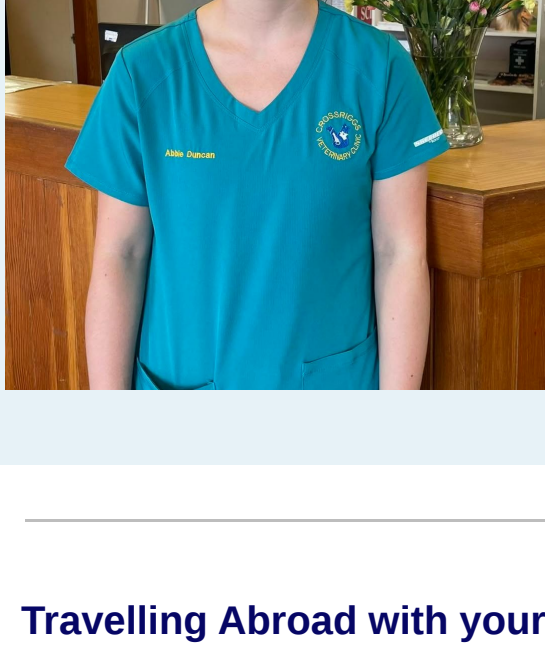


We are looking forward to holding our next Client Information Evening, which will be all about Golden Oldies.

**Thursday 10th September
5:30pm
At Crossriggs Veterinary Clinic**

Throughout the evening we will be discussing common diseases in our older pets, prevention of obesity, dental disease and the benefits of attending our Golden Oldies clinics.

Team Update - Meet Abbie



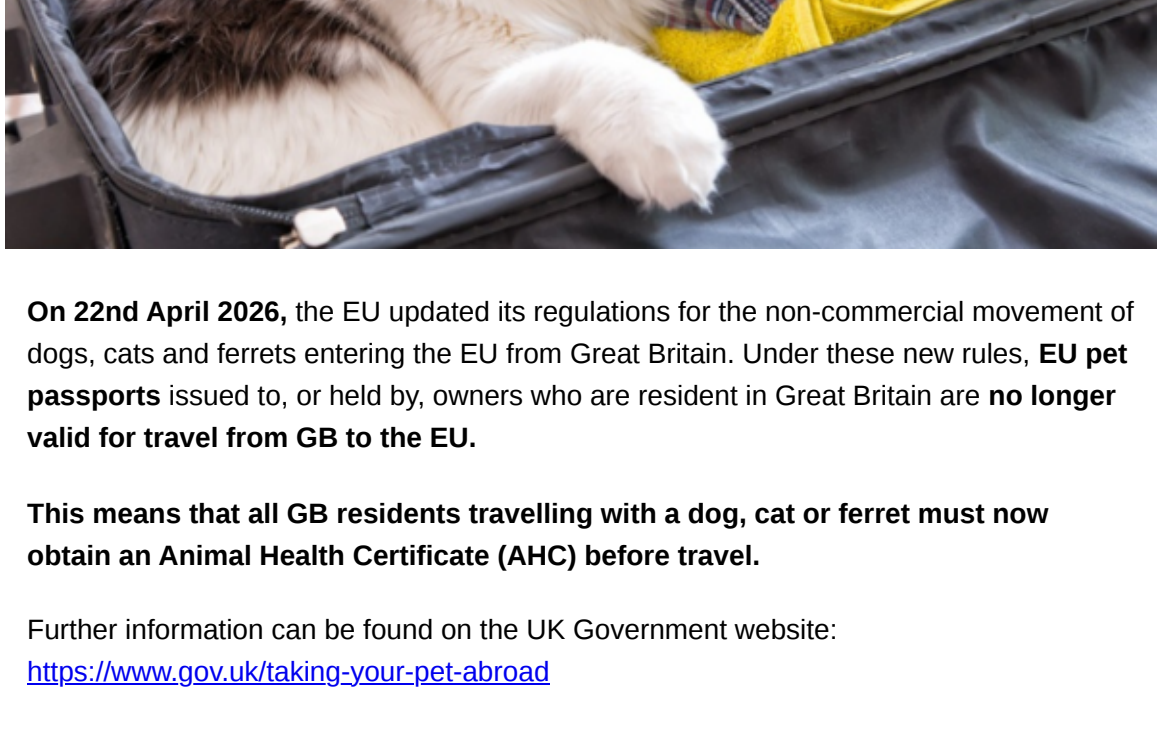
A very warm welcome to Abbie, who joined us last month!

Abbie is a newly-qualified veterinary nurse, graduating from SRUC Barony College in 2026. In her spare time Abbie enjoys reading and spending time with friends and family.

Abbie's arrival means that we are now very fortunate to have four RVNs at Crossriggs in addition to our nursing assistants to help our practice run smoothly.

Please say hi to Abbie when you're next visiting!

Travelling Abroad with your Pet



On 22nd April 2026, the EU updated its regulations for the non-commercial movement of dogs, cats and ferrets entering the EU from Great Britain. Under these new rules, **EU pet passports** issued to, or held by, owners who are resident in Great Britain are **no longer valid for travel from GB to the EU**.

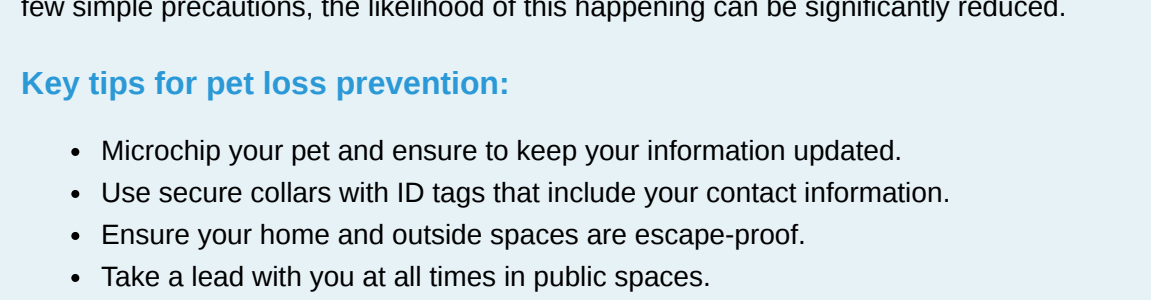
This means that all GB residents travelling with a dog, cat or ferret must now obtain an Animal Health Certificate (AHC) before travel.

Further information can be found on the UK Government website:

<https://www.gov.uk/taking-your-pet-abroad>

We strongly advise all pet owners to check the specific entry requirements with the relevant authority in their destination country before travelling.

Lost Pet Prevention Month



July is Lost Pet Prevention Month. The **aim is to raise awareness of how to keep animal companions safe** and ensure they are easily identifiable if they do go missing.

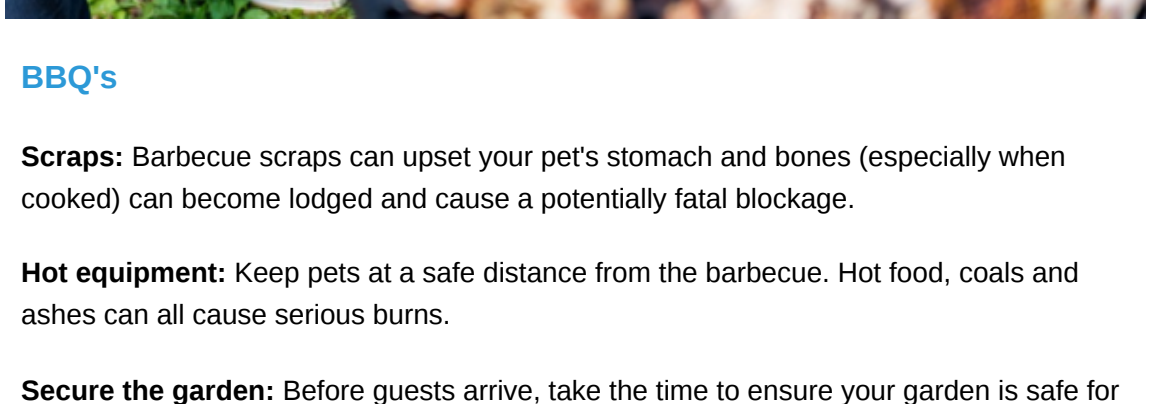
The sad reality is that thousands of pets go missing in the UK every year. But by taking a few simple precautions, the likelihood of this happening can be significantly reduced.

Key tips for pet loss prevention:

- Microchip your pet and ensure to keep your information updated.
- Use secure collars with ID tags that include your contact information.
- Ensure your home and outside spaces are escape-proof.
- Take a lead with you at all times in public spaces.

To **book an appointment for your pet to be microchipped** or have their details checked, please call us on 01290 420255.

Summer Pet Hazards

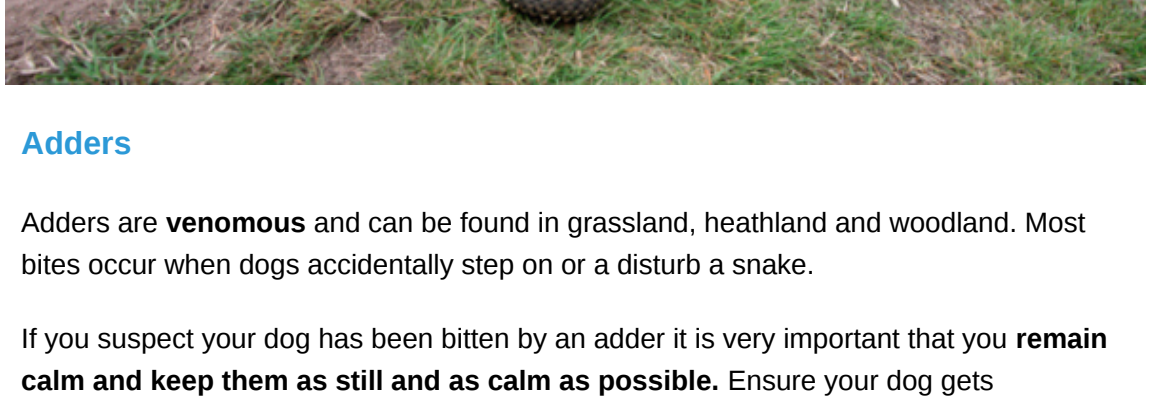


BBQ's

Scraps: Barbecue scraps can upset your pet's stomach and bones (especially when cooked) can become lodged and cause a potentially fatal blockage.

Hot equipment: Keep pets at a safe distance from the barbecue. Hot food, coals and ashes can all cause serious burns.

Secure the garden: Before guests arrive, take the time to ensure your garden is safe for pets by making sure all gates and fences are secure and closed.



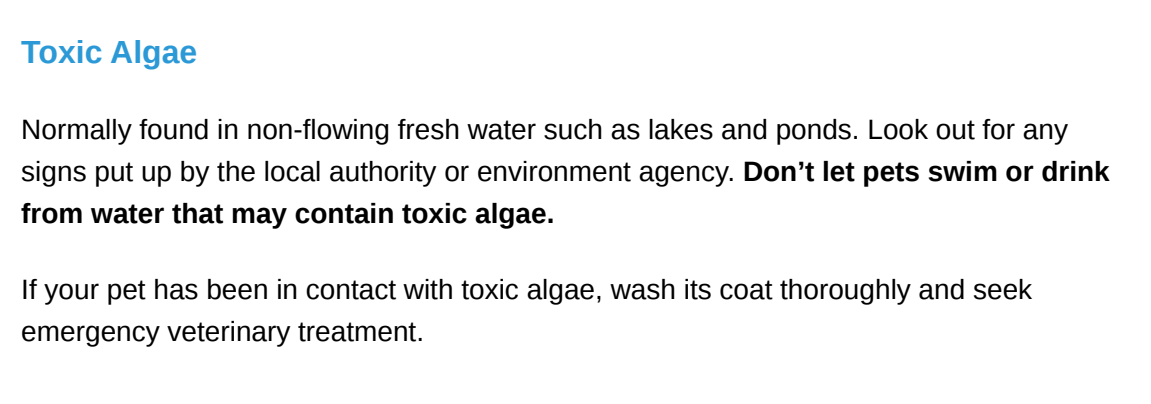
Adders

Adders are **venomous** and can be found in grassland, heathland and woodland. Most bites occur when dogs accidentally step on or disturb a snake.

If you suspect your dog has been bitten by an adder it is very important that you **remain calm and keep them as still and as calm as possible**. Ensure your dog gets immediate veterinary treatment.

Signs of an adder bite in dogs may include:

- Sudden pain or yelping
- Swelling - often of the face or legs
- Collapse or weakness
- Difficulty breathing
- Vomiting or diarrhoea
- Restlessness or agitation



Toxic Algae

Normally found in non-flowing fresh water such as lakes and ponds. Look out for any signs put up by the local authority or environment agency. **Don't let pets swim or drink from water that may contain toxic algae.**

If your pet has been in contact with toxic algae, wash its coat thoroughly and seek emergency veterinary treatment.

Thank you for reading our newsletter.

We hope you and your pet have a fun summer!

Best wishes,

The team at Crossriggs Vets