



How to avoid Vet Visits on your Doggy Holiday



Unplanned & emergency visits to a vet practice on holiday can be a worry; an unwell or injured pet, potential hospitalisation & out of hours fees, and changes to your plans.



Use these top tips to keep your dog healthy on holiday



1 Ensure vaccinations + flea, worm & tick treatments are up to date- take any treatments & medication your dog needs with you, plus a tick removal tool.



2 Take precautions to avoid your dog getting heatstroke – provide water & shade, travel & exercise when cooler, and don't leave them in a parked car on a warm day.



3 Use pet-specific sun cream on their nose, ears, tummy, and anywhere there is little or no fur – especially on light-coloured dogs.



4 Look out for dangers such as cliff edges, snakes, open water & lakes, toxic foods, poisonous plants, hazardous items on the beach, holiday traffic, and over-doing it.



5 Avoid the risk of Bloat/GDV (which is life-threatening) by not feeding your dog a large meal one hour before and two hours after rigorous exercise.



6 Keep an eye on your dog around other dogs and if either appears to be anxious or angry, move yours away to avoid a potential fight.



7 Try to keep your dog's meals the same as normal and be wary of new treats to avoid tummy upsets.



If you need to seek a Vet's help on holiday you absolutely should.

We recommend finding 24/7 vet care near to your destination before you go and putting the number in your phone. It is also wise to carry a first aid kit with you to deal with minor injuries on the spot.

